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Iraqis overrun Iranian port city

BEIRUT, Oct. 24 (Agencies) — Iraq said its troops and tanks overran "every yard" of Iran's vital port city of Khorramshahr Friday in what was described as Iraq's "greatest victory" in the 33-day-old war.

"The Iranian flag was lowered from over the government house in Mohammara (Arabic name of Khorramshahr) and the Iraqi flag was hoisted over the building to declare the return of the city to Arab rule forever," said an Iraqi military communique broadcast by Baghdad radio.

In other developments, Iraq said its ground forces engaged in "mop-up operations to wipe out enemy pockets of resistance" along the 300-mile invasion front Friday and against the United States of taking Iran's side in the Gulf war.

Iraq reported Ahwaz, provincial capital of its Khuzestan oil province was under heavy artillery bombardment as hand-to-hand combat flared into a seventh day in the streets of the Shatt Al Arab port of Khorramshahr.

Meanwhile, at the United Nations, the Security Council, now debating the war between Iran and Iraq, has yet to produce a formal proposal for dealing with the conflict. It heard brief statements Thursday from the Iranian and Iraqi delegates which seemed to underscore its difficulties in embodying U.N. principles in a resolution which the belligerents would heed.

Asserting that the United States was opposed to the "dismemberment of Iran," U.S. Ambassador Donald P. McHenry called Thursday for Iraqi withdrawal from Iranian territory as part of peaceful settlement.

As fighting continued, an Iraqi communique broadcast by Baghdad radio conceded 32 Iraqi troops were killed in 12 hours of action in Khorramshahr and around the neighboring oil refining Iranian city of Abadan from Thursday evening to Friday morning. It was the first Iraqi communique that claimed no Iranian casualties since the war broke out 33 days ago on the Gulf's northern fringe.

Tehran radio said Ahwaz, 75 miles north of Abadan, came under an intensive Iraqi artillery barrage since 0250 GMT and said fierce fighting raged in Khorramshahr's railway station and the Teleghani public square.

Iraq's official news agency Pars quoted the governor of Abadan as saying Iraqi forces were trying to penetrate Khorramshahr from the east to help hard-driving troops in control of the city's northern sector overrun the entire port.

Pars said helicopters-borne Iranian paratroopers staged fresh hit-and-run attacks in the central sector of the front, knocking 19 Iraqi tanks out of action. It also claimed Iraqi air force drove off Soviet-made Iraqi fighter bombers that attempted a new attack on Iran's giant oil loading off-shore terminal of Kharg, 150 miles southwest of Abadan in the Gulf.

The Iraqi communique claimed six Iranian tanks were destroyed, three with their crews, along with three rocket-launching bases in the Abadan-Khorramshahr-Ahwaz area of operations at the southern end of the war-front.

Kosygin's replacement eyes woeful Soviet Union economy

MOSCOW, Oct. 24 (AP) — New Premier Nikolai A. Tikhonov on Friday tackled the job of managing the Soviet economy plagued by food shortages and poor quality consumer goods.

The white-haired, 75-year-old economics specialist and close ally of Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev was named head of government Thursday when Alex N. Kosygin asked to be relieved for health reasons.

Brezhnev, 73, announced the retirement of the 76-year-old Kosygin after a 16-year tenure as the No. 2 official in the Communist hierarchy.

Tikhonov, who has served as first deputy premier since 1976, was named premier at a session of the supreme Soviet national parliament. He had long been expected to move up to the highest government administrative post because of Kosygin's deteriorating health following two heart attacks.

Western analysts viewed Tikhonov's elevation as strengthening Brezhnev's position atop the ruling Politburo. The two have been close friends since working together in Ukrainian industrial projects in the 1930s.

But because of his advanced age, Tikhonov appeared to be an interim replacement in the key position, with overall responsibility for the Soviet economy. And his elevation did nothing to answer the problem of rejuvenating the Soviet Union's ruling hierarchy now dominated by men in their 70s.

Tikhonov is known to be a tough-minded, hard-talking negotiator in dealings with Western governments. In recent years he has shown these skills while in charge of the Soviet Union's crucial economic ties with the two Germans.



STRAFTED: Iraqi soldiers leap for cover near the Karun River in Iran as Iranian jets sweep low overhead. The gritty Iranian defense has held Iraq at bay after the river crossing.

On hostage release

Iran envoys see Carter

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 — President Carter held a secret meeting last weekend at Camp David with a group of Iranian officials to negotiate terms for the release of the 52 American hostages in Iran, Western diplomatic sources said Thursday.

But the Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, one of the eight members of Iran's higher defense council, Friday rejected any "deal" involving release of the American hostages in exchange for spare parts for American-supplied weapons.

"Iran is at war with the United States, how could we ask them for aid," the ayatollah, powerful organizer of Tehran's Friday prayers, told a crowd tens-of-thousands-strong on the University of Tehran campus.

The meeting at the president's mountain retreat Saturday included members of the delegation of Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, who visited New York last week to address the United Nations on the Iran-Iraq war, the sources told Arab News.

Rajai himself did not meet with Carter, the sources said. Both countries wanted to keep the sensitive negotiations secret, and Rajai's presence at Camp David would have been difficult to conceal from the news media.

Meeting with the American president were a number of Iranian deputy ministers and one general from Iran's armed forces, according to diplomats.

Analysts here believed the Iranian general took part in the talks to discuss the details of

American arms shipments to Iran, which the president has said would follow the release of the hostages.

At least \$350 million of U.S. military hardware, purchased by Iran several years ago but held up because of the hostage crisis, is waiting and ready for shipment at several airbases on the East Coast, sources said. Another \$150 million of purchased equipment is in the pipeline but not yet ready for shipment.

Meanwhile, Republican presidential contender Ronald Reagan, in a move political analysts believe could backfire, has introduced the issue of the American hostages in Iran into his election campaign against Carter.

Reagan's statement that the continuing hostage crisis was "a humiliation and a disgrace to this country" was countered within hours by the president, who accused his challenger of playing politics with the hostage issue.

"The fate of the hostages is too important to the hostages, their families and to our country to make it a political football," Carter said. The president accused Reagan of breaking his pledge not to inject the issue into the election campaign.

Earlier, Reagan had told reporters he believed the Carter Administration's foreign policy "helped create the entire situation." He was referring to the seizure of the American embassy in Tehran last Nov. 4 and the resulting detention of 52 U.S. diplomats and other Americans.

Secret commissions alleged

Suit hits McDonnell-Douglas

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP) — The Justice Department filed a civil suit Thursday seeking \$949,000 dollars from McDonnell Douglas Corp. in connection with its payment of secret commissions to agents in Pakistan for the sale of four DC-10 wide-body jet airplanes.

Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti said the two-count complaint was filed in U.S. District Court here.

The government asked for recovery of \$949,000 because of false statements the giant aircraft manufacturer allegedly made to the Export Import Bank in connection with the

sale of the four planes.

The Export Import Bank, a federal agency designed to facilitate the sale of U.S. goods abroad, loaned Pakistan International Airlines the money to buy the planes, three of which were sold in 1974 and one of which was sold in 1977.

The Justice Department has brought civil suits in the past against U.S. firms to force the proper reporting of foreign sales commissions, but this was the first suit to recover any foreign payments on the basis of the fact that they caused a loss to the government.

The Justice Department charged that McDonnell Douglas entered into a scheme to pay secret commissions to three of its agents in Pakistan and to an official of the airline.

The government's complaint said that both the airline and the Pakistani government asked McDonnell Douglas to disclose the names of its sales agents and all the amounts of its promised commissions in 1973 before agreeing to buy the planes.

The U.S. government said that McDonnell Douglas told the airline and the Pakistani government that it paid commissions of only \$100,000 per plane to one agent in Pakistan and the company later agreed to cancel those payments and reduce the price of each DC-10 accordingly.

U.K. to continue pressuring USSR

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AFP) — Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington said that Britain will keep up its "pressure" on the Soviet Union to pull out of Afghanistan and warned the West that the Soviet Union will "use any means including force to further its objective to gain influence in other countries."

In a document commenting on a parliamentary committee report on Afghanistan, he said it was necessary for Britain "to maintain the economic measures taken jointly by Western countries against the Soviet Union after the invasion."

Britain, he said, will continue to take part in discussions on how to maintain "tight control" over the export of modern technology to the Soviet Union. There was need also to improve "close consultation among the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) allies" so as to achieve "the elaboration of a coherent policy which will leave the Soviet Union in no doubt of the West's determination and ability to resist expansionism."



Alex Kosygin

In his most recent trip abroad, Tikhonov went to West Germany last May to negotiate details of a 25-year economic agreement in which German technology and know-how will be used to exploit Siberia's vast natural resources in return for deliveries of Soviet raw materials.

A metallurgy institute graduate, Tikhonov began his climb into the top echelons of the Communist bureaucracy by proving himself an able factory manager in the war years and late 1940s. He has held a wide variety of administrative posts in the centralized, state-run economy over the last 30 years, and

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Ulema denounce Qaddafi

For belittling pilgrimage

JEDDAH, Oct. 24 (SPA) — The Supreme Council of Ulema — religious leaders — of the Kingdom has condemned Muammar Qaddafi of Libya for slandering the Kingdom and belittling the value of the pilgrimage as one of the five pillars of Islam.

The council issued a statement over the weekend in which it censured Qaddafi for "perjury and lies." He is hostile to Islam and to the Kingdom, it said.

Qaddafi had claimed that U.S. forces were occupying the holy places of Islam in the Kingdom and that their warplanes were over-lying these places. He made the claim during a speech in his country marking the first day of the Eid Al Adha festival.

He had also sent a telegram to King Khaled protesting the presence of U.S. radar planes in the country which had been requested by Saudi Arabia to strengthen its air defenses.

King Khaled replied by telegram strongly denying the charges of American occupation as false and fabricated. He described him as a spearhead of anti-Islamic forces.

The council, as had the World Muslim League before it, described Qaddafi's allegations as pure lies and said that Muslim pilgrims will testify that no warplanes ever over-flew the holy places.

The only aircraft that did so were helicopters deployed by the Interior Ministry to check on traffic during the pilgrimage.

"Apart from the lies about the warplanes and American occupation of the holy places," the statement said, "Qaddafi's sarcasm about the pilgrimage and that it was performed by naive people seeking to enter heaven, is a serious attempt at violating the sacred tenets of our religion."

Besides, he has incited bloodshed in the holy city of Mecca which was made free from violence until doomsday. As such, he was advocating the destruction of Islam."

It expressed surprise that a head of an

Islamic state would make such glaring lies about the pilgrimage when there were millions of pilgrims including those from Libya and surrounding countries to give evidence to the contrary.

It called on him to pay greater attention and show more concern with such issues as the Jewish aggression in Palestine, the Communist with such issues as the Jewish aggression in Palestine, the Communist attacks in Africa and the Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan, than to concentrate on the Kingdom which has always been and will continue to uphold the word of God and support Islamic issues with all the powers at its disposal.

The council denounced Qaddafi over other actions he had taken in his country, which it said were contrary to the teachings of Islam by deifying the truth of the Prophet's sayings and abandoning Islamic injunctions by applying Communist principles in the country's economy.

"He has shown himself to be completely anti-Islamic and has striven to suspend the sharia law," it said.

Meanwhile, the Secretary General of the League has been receiving a flood of telegrams and messages denouncing Qaddafi and upholding the message of King Khaled to him in defense of the holy places of Islam.

Speaking to Arab News, the Interior Minister of Tunisia, Idriss Oega, who performed the pilgrimage, said he certainly saw neither foreign troops nor foreign warplanes in the holy places and that Qaddafi's allegations were disturbing and untrue. The PLO representative in the Kingdom Rafiq Al Natsah said the allegations were false.

"The holy places are out of bounds to non-Muslims, so how can Qaddafi's claims be true," he said.

Natsah said he hoped to see all the resources of the Muslims directed towards

the liberation of Jerusalem and the other occupied lands under Israeli domination. "It would be better for any Arab leader to lead his army against Israel for then he would be in a better position to blame those who do not march with him in such a holy struggle," he said.

Kingdom asks to purchase U.S. AWACS

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 — Saudi Arabia will try to purchase the four U.S. radar planes sent to the Kingdom recently by the Carter Administration, the Saudi Ambassador here said.

Ambassador Sheikh Faisal Alhagel told Arab News that Saudi Arabia wanted to keep the AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) aircraft for defensive purposes even after the current Gulf crisis is resolved.

"The Kingdom would therefore seek to buy the four planes from the United States," he said.

Meanwhile, it was reported Wednesday that the Pentagon had begun an in-depth staff study of the proposed sale of advanced F-15 aircraft accessories to Saudi Arabia.

The study, ordered by Defense Secretary Harold Brown, would set forth the reasons why the sale should be made to the Kingdom, the New York Times said.

Saudi acquisition of advanced F-15 accessories was protested by some key pro-Israeli members of Congress, who view the sale as potentially dangerous to Israel.

As petrodollars flood Tokyo

SAMA chief planning trip to Japan

TOKYO, Oct. 24 (AP) — Saudi Arabia's central bank governor is due in Tokyo next week for an extended visit that analysts link to record levels of petrodollars pouring into Japan over the past six months.

"The Arabs are very bullish on Japan," says Eric Hayden of the Bank of America's Tokyo office. The visit by Abdul Aziz Al-Quraishi, governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA), Hayden says, "is tremendously significant."

"I think he is coming to see if the Japanese are as confident of their economy as his advisers are," says Hayden.

Figures compiled from private and government sources indicate that foreign investors have pumped as much as \$12 billion into Japan so far this year. About two-thirds of that comes from oil producing Arab countries, and the rest from America and Europe, figures show.

Japanese officials refuse to disclose details of Quraishi's visit other than to say that he is coming at the invitation of Bank of Japan Governor Haruo Mayekawa and will meet with Finance Minister Michio Watanabe. Published Japanese reports say Quraishi might stay as long as a month. He is due to arrive Saturday.

Akio Kohna, a senior analyst at Daiwa Securities Ltd., predicts that the level of Arab investment in Japan would slow in the final three months of 1980, but that "the money will stay here over the long term." He joined other observers in denying reports that Arab investors seek to take over Japanese industry, the backbone of the second largest economy in the capitalist world.

The Arabs will continue to place between 10 and 15 per cent of their total investment in Japan, Hayden estimated. Many of the petrodollars come from Japan, which is a little over 70 per cent dependent on Gulf oil for its petroleum needs.

The surge began in April when foreign deposits in unregulated free yen accounts hit \$2.7 billion, peaking in May at \$2.8 billion and falling to zero in September, according to

figures supplied by Daiwa Securities Ltd.

The "hot money" then moved to the bond market, peaking at \$9.3 million in June and July, and falling to \$500 million in September.

Net foreign purchases of Japanese companies on the Tokyo stock market hit \$401 million in May, breaking the previous record of \$295 million set in February, dropped slightly to an average of \$350 million in June and July, then rose to the \$1 billion mark in August, according to finance ministry figures.

Net bond purchases by foreigners dropped sharply to \$298 million in September, according to a government announcement Friday, while preliminary stock figures for October indicated that foreign purchasing was down by as much as 70 per cent.

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King sends cables to ministers

JEDDAH, Oct. 24 (SPA) — Dr. Hussein Jazairi, minister of health, received cables of thanks from King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd Thursday. Dr. Jazairi had sent them reports on the ministry of health's efforts during the pilgrimage and the immunity of this year's pilgrimage from epidemic or quarantine diseases.

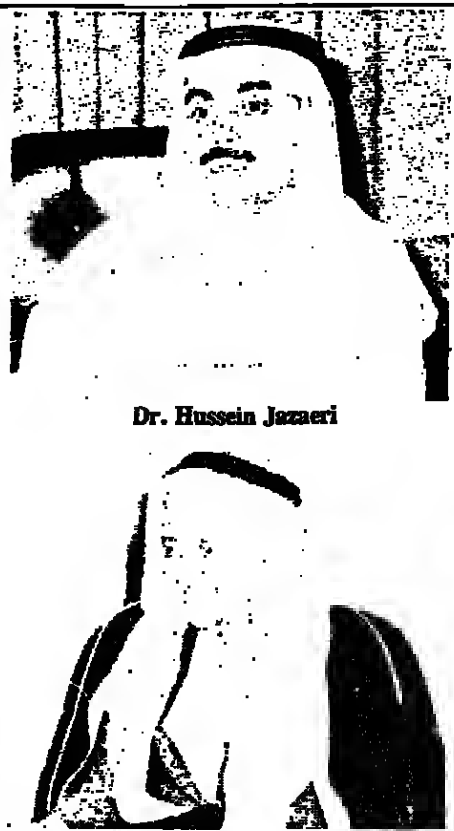
The king and crown prince said in their cables that the health and safety of pilgrims was granted by God. They expressed their admiration for the efforts of all workers in health and the care provided to the pilgrims.

Dr. Jazairi had said in his message to the King that the pilgrimage days passed peacefully and comfortably and that the pilgrims and citizens were in good health. "Acting on your instructions to double efforts to provide all means of comfort to pilgrims, the ministry reinforced public hospitals in the pilgrimage areas with material and personnel, potential to provide health care for pilgrims anywhere in the holy places and cope with emergency," the minister said.

After a meeting of the Pilgrimage Health Committee, to which technical reports were discussed and studied, it has been declared that 1980 pilgrimage was free from any epidemic, Dr. Jazairi said.

Meanwhile, King Khaled thanked Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie, minister of pilgrimage and endowments, for the efforts of the annual grand seminar of Mina. The seminar called for adhering to the teaching of Islam and supported Crown Prince Fahd's call for Jihad (holy struggle) to liberate Jerusalem. It is attended by an elite group of Muslim ulema.

Another cable from the King to Sheikh Abdul Wahab in reply to the minister's cable on the occasion of the end of the pilgrimage. King Khaled expressed his



Dr. Hussein Jazairi

Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie pleasure and satisfaction on the easy, comfortable and peaceful pilgrimage, through God's help.

Sheikh Abdul Wahab also received two cables from Crown Prince Fahd. The first regarded admiration of the Mina seminar's efforts. The crown prince thanked the participants in the seminar for backing the call for liberating Islam's holy places and the oppressed rights of Muslims.

Sheikh Abdul Wahab had sent cables of thanks to the king and the crown prince, on behalf of the participants of the seminar, at the end of the seminar. Prince Fahd's second cable thanked the minister in response to Sheikh Abdul Wahab's congratulatory message on the successful pilgrimage of this year.

The pilgrimage minister cabled thanks to Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the national guard, for the efforts of the national guardsmen who participated in the pilgrimage.

Pilgrims condemn Qaddafi

MECCA, Oct. 24 (SPA) — Pilgrims of various nationalities condemned the Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi for his allegations against Islam, Islamic holy places and Saudi Arabia.

In cables to Muslim World League Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, the various leaders expressed their support of King Khaled's cable to Qaddafi that considers the Libyan president a spearhead against Islam and the holy places.

Heads of Islamic coordination councils in the world backed the statement of the Constituent Council of the Muslim World League issued earlier in an emergency session. The statement rejected Qaddafi's allegations aimed at suspending one of Islam's fundamental pillars, the pilgrimage.

Sheikh Harakan received cables from officials in charge of Islamic programs for radio and television in Keoya, members of the Islamic Affairs Consultant Committee and the Ansar Muslim Association of Mornhassa, Keoya.

Qaddafi earlier had sent a telegram to King Khaled protesting the presence of the Advanced Warning and Control System radar planes in Saudi Arabia. The Libyan leader also had said that the holy places were occupied by United States forces and that warplanes had been circling over the holy places.

However, the King answered by saying that the planes were intended to provide security for the Kingdom and holy places and that by neglecting them, Qaddafi had become a spearhead against Islam and the holy places, which Saudi Arabia is honored to serve and protect.

The Saudi Arabian monarch emphasized that the government makes decisions arising from its own sovereignty and security needs and its dedication to the word of God and the holy struggle, jihad, in which Muslims are unanimous.

The statement said that Qaddafi had earlier attacked Islam, dared to misinterpret the Koran and even denied the veracity of the Prophet's sayings.

Pilgrims from Keoya and other East African countries also sent cables to Sheikh Harakan strongly condemning Qaddafi's allegations against Islam, Islamic holy places and the Kingdom that spared no effort in serving and protecting the holy places.

Meanwhile, Imams of mosques condemned Qaddafi after the Friday prayer speech. The Imams said that Qaddafi's slanders are clear proof of the hatred against Muslims by the enemies of Islam. The call to suspend the pilgrimage is nothing but a destructive invitation that originates from heretics, they said.



OILFIELDS: The program committee for the upcoming oilfields conference includes: (from left to right) A. Timur, J. Howell, D. Adamson, Ahmed Zamel, Mr. Odeh, R.L. Dalton, S. Razza. (Back row, left to right) H. Saito, R. Hough, Muhammad Tardir, D. Andrea, J. Dempsey, J. Shehadi, A.K. Al-Rabab, Jafar Al-Rubale.

Technologists to discuss developments

Conference aimed at oilfields

JEDDAH, Oct. 24 — More than 70 technical papers covering the most important developments in Saudi and Gulf oilfields are to be presented in Bahrain at a major conference in March, according to Richard Savage of Bahrain's Exhibition Center.

The specialist gathering, which is aimed at the region's top oil technologists, is organized by the Society of Petroleum Engineers. It will be held from March 9 through 12, 1981, at the Exhibition Center Bahrain, alongside the second Middle East Oil Show.

The program committee is chaired by Saudi Arabia's Deputy Minister of Petroleum Ahmed Zamel. He announced that more than 120 papers had been presented for consideration during two days of extensive

discussions. After stressing the high technical quality of the papers presented, Zamel said, "I am working with a committee of high caliber experts in the oil industry to ensure good standards of technical presentations."

"This important event will provide an opportunity for engineers, scientists, managers and technicians to exchange views and ideas on important issues that are encountered specifically in the Gulf area," he added.

Before leaving Bahrain, the fifteen-man selection committee of international experts inspected the new conference facilities nearing completion at November's building, construction and solar technology show, Arab-bud '80.

Naif honors security officials

JEDDAH, Oct. 24 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif gave a dinner in honor of senior officials of the Pilgrimage Security Force Thursday. He praised the efforts of security men in the pilgrimage and said that everyone felt the devotion in serving the pilgrims.

The interior minister conveyed King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd's greetings to the officers who participated in the pilgrim-

age. "Pilgrims had expressed their admiration for your efforts in serving Islam and Muslims," the prince told the officers.

He said this year's security and traffic plans clearly indicate that all have learned from their experiences of the past years. "Plans would not give any results if not supported by honesty and true will, this after relying on God," the prince said.

He called on all to follow the steps of this year's pilgrimage plan to achieve better results. "We have to maintain this year's achievement. Keep the good results and avoid any unnecessary thing and benefit of our experiences," Prince Naif said. Public Security director Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh also praised the officers.

The reception was attended by Mecca Governor Prince Majed, Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad, Deputy Mecca Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen and other senior interior ministry officials.

Nawaf reveals plans for KAU exchange pact

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 — Prince Nawaf Bin Abdul Aziz and Dr. Abdullah Nassif, president of King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah, recently visited the newly founded East-West University in Chicago, Illinois.

During the visit Dr. Nassif announced plans to establish student and faculty exchange program between East-West University and King Abdul Aziz University.

East-West, which opened its doors to some 500 students in September, is a non-profit, non-denominational educational institution. The university offers associate degrees in data processing and electronics and bachelor's degrees in liberal arts, engineering and business administration.

A university spokesman told the Arab News that the goals of the new university are to provide comprehensive academic studies in addition to providing students with education in "global and multicultural affairs and building bridges between peoples of the eastern and western cultures of the world."

The university's philosophy also focuses on the need for a job-oriented education a service economy," the spokesman added.

During his visit to Chicago, Prince Nawaf addressed a class of students, toured the university and was honored at a luncheon hosted by university patrons.

"We offer support and will do all we can to enhance the effectiveness of East-West University and any institution whose goal is to build understanding and respect between Christians and Muslims," Nawaf told some 200 students.

Later during a luncheon with university trustees and faculty members, Nawaf said there was a "certain misunderstanding between peoples of the eastern and western countries because of a lack of respect for different religious backgrounds."

The development of a strong and progressive educational relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia would strengthen the bonds, he added, "between East and West for a better future of the world."

While a university spokesman said no specific financial pledges were made during Nawaf's visit in Chicago, the Prince did pledge to support continued mobilization of resources for the cause of international education and "firstly for East-West University."

Islamic architecture projects receive awards

LAHORE, Pakistan, Oct. 24 (AP) — Three projects in Turkey were among 15 designs honored to an Islamic architecture awards program sponsored by the Aga Khan. Two winners are in Indonesia. Projects in Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, India, Iran, Qatar, Mali, Egypt, Morocco, Kuwait and Senegal also shared in the \$500,000 awards program.

The projects were cited for preserving traditional character and identity, while clearly expressing modern demands and aspirations.

About 500 educators, architects, government officials and journalists were invited to

the awards ceremony Thursday in the Gardens of Shalimar in Lahore, Pakistan.

The awards ceremony, conducted by President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan and the Aga Khan, included a special \$100,000 award to Egyptian architect Hassan Fathy, founder and director of the International Institute for Appropriate Technology in Cairo.

Fathy, 80, the author of "Architecture for the Poor" in 1973, was a member of the awards steering committee, so his many works were not eligible for prizes.

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PLO on alert in Lebanon as Israeli attack feared

BEIRUT, Oct. 24 (Agencies) — The Palestinian high command declared a state of alert in southern Lebanon and predicted Israel would launch a massive attack on Palestinian positions before the American presidential elections, a Lebanese daily reported Friday.

Al Liwa said the Palestine Liberation Organization's High Command headed by Yasser Arafat met Thursday and discussed the danger of an Israeli attack in three fronts, following reports of an increased troop buildup near the border enclave controlled by the Israeli-backed Christian militias of renegade army Maj. Saad Haddad.

Israeli reinforcements are reported lining up in Deir Mimas, Marjayoun, Metulla, Khiam and Shaba. Al Liwa quoted Palestinian sources as saying:

Arafat recently ordered the enlistment of all Palestinian youths to form a reserve unit in case of such an attack. An estimated 1,500 cadets graduated last week and were declared ready for active duty, the paper said.

Tension among the ranks of the Palestinian commando groups and their leftist allies in the south has been high following an Israeli air attack Wednesday, in which Palestinian camps very close to the capital, Beirut, were hit.

Low-flying Israeli warplanes flashed over Beirut on reconnaissance missions Thursday and Palestinian gunners threw up heavy barrages of anti-aircraft fire.

White puffs dotted the blue Mediterranean sky as the jets thundered over the Lebanese capital amid exploding ack ack shells barely 15 hours after bombing Palestinian positions south of Beirut.

The rightist "Voice of Lebanon" radio station, meanwhile, reported Israeli missile boats rocketed the southern Lebanese port city of Tyre, 12 miles north of the Israeli

border and 50 miles south of Beirut, at mid-day.

The broadcast said teeming Palestinian refugee camps near Tyre also were being attacked by the Israeli naval units opposite Tyre's Mediterranean coast. Anti-air raid sirens were blown in all refugee camps on the southern edge of Beirut and people were urged by loudspeakers to rush to basements and shelters when the Israeli jets streaked overhead.

The PLO said Wednesday around 20 Israeli aircraft took part in the operation which aimed at targets in Ain Derril, Naameh, Baourah, Bourj Barajneh and the Damour highway. A spokesman for the PLO said the jets could be seen flying directly over Beirut International Airport, which was closed for two hours as the jets circled within close range of commercial airline routes.

The Voice of Lebanon reported 31 persons killed and wounded. The PLO spokesman said this was possible but that there were no exact figures available.

The PLO believes Israel will take advantage of the period preceding the Nov. 4 presidential elections in the United States to strike a heavy blow at the Palestinian presence in Lebanon.

Meanwhile, U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, deploring the new Israeli air raid, urged through a spokesman Thursday that all those involved avoid the use of force.

The spokesman, Rudolf Stajduhar, told reporters at his daily briefing: "The secretary-general has learned with deep concern of an air attack launched by the Israeli forces against Palestinian targets at Damour, south of Beirut. He deplores the continuous use of violence in the area and the resulting loss of life and property."

"The secretary-general appeals to all the parties concerned to refrain from the use of



Kurt Waldheim

force, to implement the resolutions of the Security Council on Lebanon and to cooperate fully with UNIFIL in its peacekeeping efforts.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department said Thursday it is attempting to learn if Israel used American warplanes in air raids inside Lebanon this week in violation of agreements not to do so.

Spokesman John H. Tattner said the Department has received but has not confirmed reports that U.S. equipment was used in the raids on communities occupied by Palestinians five miles south of the Beirut airport.

"Such use would be a violation of agreements under which they (the planes) were provided," Tattner said.

Palestine core of Mideast crisis, Egypt envoy says

BALTIMORE, Maryland, Oct. 24 (AP) — The Palestinian issue is the root of all Middle East problems, and attention should not be diverted from it by the war between Iran and Iraq, Egypt's ambassador to the United States says.

"We should never forget the Palestinian problem" while focusing on other, more immediate issues, Ashraf Ghorbal told the Baltimore Council on Foreign Relations.

The Palestine issue, he said, is the "key to tranquility in the area."

Speaking of the Camp David agreements and the Palestine issue, Ghorbal said that despite all the problems, "human ingenuity will not fail us," and peace will one day come to the Middle East.

The ambassador said that negotiations should also solve Iraq's grievances concerning the disputed Shatt Al Arah waterway. Iraq has cited problems over control of the waterway as the reason for its attack on Iran.

"None of us want the dismemberment of

Iran to anybody's advantage," he said.

Ghorbal said that Israel's security would be best served "not through annexation, but through acceptance, normalization." The solution of the Palestinian issue also would help create the momentum for the "area as a whole to meet the Soviet challenge," he added.

U.S. warns Begin against annexing the Golan

TEL AVIV, Oct. 24 (AP) The United States has warned Prime Minister Menachem Begin against annexing the occupied Golan Heights of Syria to Israel, Israeli newspapers reported Thursday.

The papers quoted U.S. sources as saying Ambassador Samuel Lewis called on Begin Wednesday and expressed "vigorous objection" to moves underway in the Israeli parliament to legislate the annexation of the Golan.

A spokesman for Begin claimed the report was leaked by the U.S. embassy, and called it "unauthorized and inaccurate." But the spokesman, Dan Patir, refused to give details what was said at the Begin-Lewis meeting. U.S. embassy officials were not immediately available for comment.

The Maariv newspaper quoted Begin as telling Lewis he would not interfere in the parliament's legislative procedures.

Eighteen members of Begin's 64-member coalition have sponsored a bill to make the Golan Heights a part of Israel. The bill is to be sent to Begin's cabinet for consideration, and is expected to run into opposition from dovish ministers who fear such an action will hurt peace prospects.

Critics say the Golan Heights bill will compound the diplomatic damage inflicted on Israel by its controversial "Jerusalem bill," an act of parliament last July that wrote the annexation of Arab East Jerusalem into Israeli law and prompted all foreign embassies to move out of the holy city.

The bill's supporters say that since Syria refuses to enter into peace talks with Israel, and recently signed a friendship treaty with the Soviets, there is no hope for a negotiated settlement of the Golan's future. They also contend that with world attention focused on the Iran-Iraq war and the U.S. election, the Golan bill's passage will attract little notice.

Israel has vowed never to abandon the Golan, a 400-square-mile volcanic plateau overlooking the Sea of Galilee and strategically invaluable in defending Israel's narrow coastal strip.

But it has refrained from annexing it, hoping to be able to bargain away part of it for a peace settlement with Syria. Since capturing the zone in the 1967 Mideast war, Israel has built about two dozen Jewish settlements on the Golan.

Somalia seeking arms from Egypt

CAIRO, Oct. 24 (R) — Somali Deputy Defense Minister Omar Muhammad has asked Egypt for arms, defense ministry officials said.

Maj.-Gen. Muhammad who is also Somali chief of staff, gave the request to Egyptian Chief of Staff Abdul Halim Abou Lhazala at a meeting here Thursday they said.

They declined to give details of the arms, Egyptian factories produce jeeps, armored cars, mortars, medium artillery, small arms

and ammunition for a wide range of Soviet

guns. The officials said Muhammad's visit was planned two weeks ago and had no connection with the state of emergency declared by Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre three days ago.

Somalia, one of three Arab countries not to have broken off relations with Cairo after last year's Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, maintains close military cooperation with Egypt.

Arafat to address UNESCO parley

BELGRADE, Oct. 24 (AFP) — Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, is to address the UNESCO General Conference here Monday, informed sources here said.

Arafat will attend the meeting of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organ-

ization at the invitation of the Yugoslav government, and will deliver a "major speech" at the plenary session Monday, the sources said.

The UNESCO Assembly has condemned Israeli policies on Jerusalem and occupied Arab territories twice since Sept. 23.

Chad factions okay draft ceasefire

LOME, Togo, Oct. 24 (AP) — A draft proposal for a ceasefire in the long civil war in Chad has been approved by delegates from both sides, informed sources said Thursday.

The draft, prepared by officials of the Organization of African Unity, calls for a ceasefire in the divided capital, N'Djamena, and for its demilitarization, the sources said. The opposing forces would be withdrawn 70 miles from the shattered city and a neutral

peacekeeping force and observation commis-

sion brought in, they added.

The sources said delegates from the forces Armee Nord (FAN) of Defense Minister Hissene Habre and from the transitional government headed by President Goukouni Oueddei had approved the draft. It now will be submitted to the presidents of Togo, Congo and Guinea who have been trying to mediate in the war.

Polisario claims Moroccan losses

ALGIERS, Oct. 24 (AFP) — The Polisario Front claimed Friday that its guerrillas inflicted losses on Moroccan troops, captured war materiel and forced the Moroccans to retreat this week near Ras El Khanfra, close to the border between Morocco and the disputed Western Sahara.

The Polisario report followed one Thursday from Rabat on the latest fighting near Ras El Khanfra, in which the Moroccans said

their air force had caused heavy losses among the guerrillas in "exceptionally intense" fighting.

The Ras El Khanfra area has been the scene of violent combat for more than a month in the struggle between Morocco and the Algerian-backed Polisario for control of the Western Sahara, the former Spanish colony annexed by Rabat.

Egypt urges Israel to soften attitude toward Arab mayors

CAIRO, Oct. 24 (AP) — Egypt has called on Israel to drop its "intransigent" attitude toward two Palestinian West Bank leaders and to release political prisoners in an attempt to encourage Palestinian participation in the Middle East peace talks.

The Egyptian demands came during a 45-minute meeting Thursday between Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali and Israeli Ambassador to Cairo Elihu Ben Elissar who was summoned to the foreign ministry, the Middle East News Agency said.

In Tel Aviv meanwhile, the Israeli supreme court issued a temporary injunction Thursday against deporting the two Palestinian mayors from the West Bank until their case is

reviewed by the court.

Judge Miriam Ben-Porath said she was issuing the injunction since the Israeli military government had already promised not to deport the mayors until their case was dealt with by the court. Her ruling was seen primarily as a technical measure to let the mayors stay close at hand until their appeal is ruled upon probably next week.

Mayors Fahd Qawasmeh of Hebron and Muhammad Milhem of Halhoul appealed to the court to overrule the deportation order issued by Israeli occupation authorities six months ago. The two were exiled from the West Bank in the wake of the May 3 Palestinian attack in Hebron that killed six Jewish settlers.

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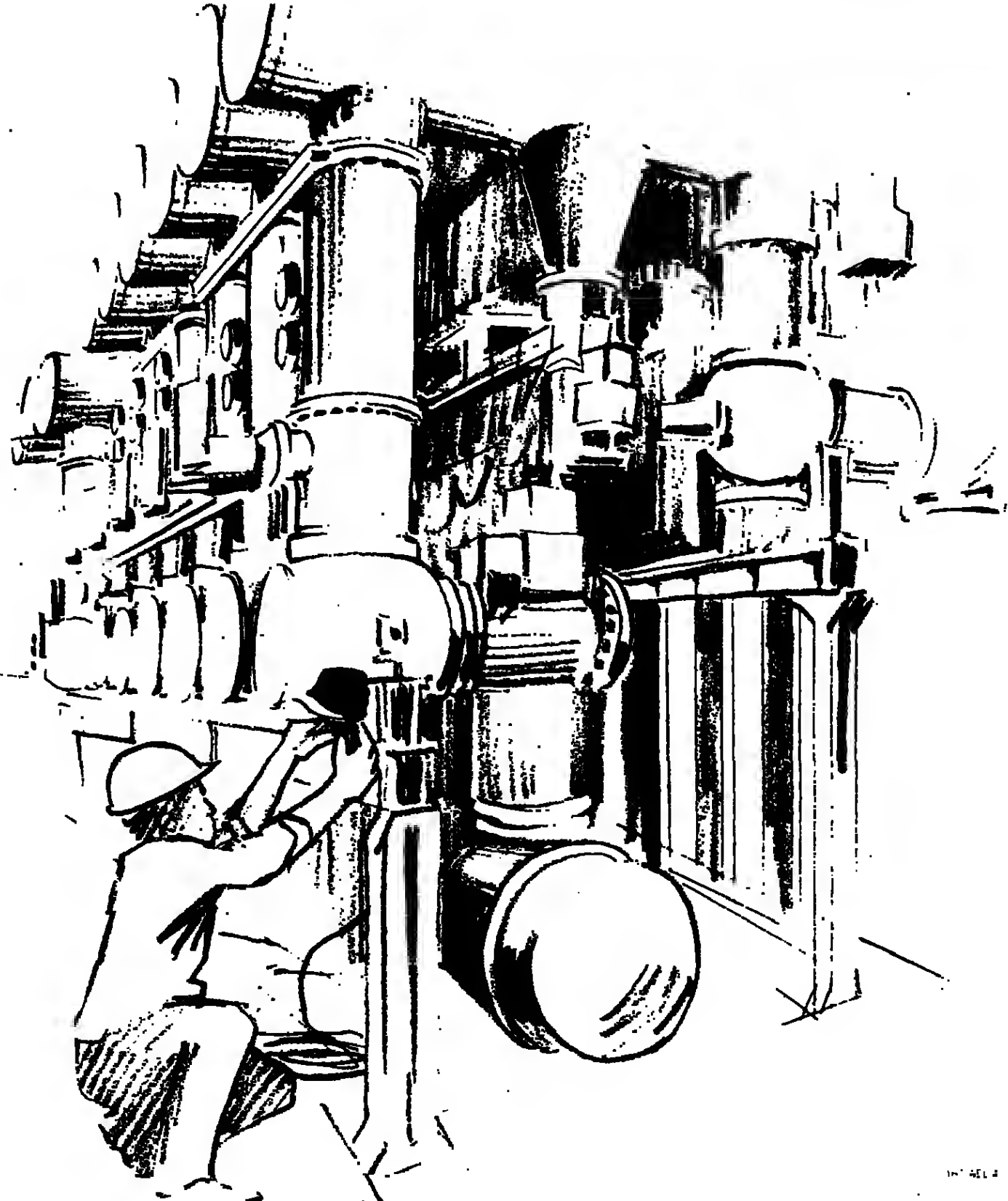
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In European Cup play

Bayern thrash Ajax

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Agecies) — Three-time winners Bayern Munich of West Germany turned on a stunning second-half performance to thrash Ajax of the Netherlands, also triple champions, 5-1 in their European Soccer Cup first-leg second round tie in Munich Wednesday.

Ajax, winners in 1971, 1972 and 1973; trooped happily off the field at half-time with the scoreline tied at 1-1.

But the West Germans, who followed the

Dutch club with successive victories in the years 1974-1976, reproduced much of their former magic after the interval.

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Dieter Hoese, who replaced the injured Norbert Jozon, grabbed two goals apiece for Bayern with Bernd Duerrenberger notching the fifth.

Danish international Frank Arnesen scored for Ajax, who face an uphill struggle in the second leg in two weeks time.

Three East European clubs, CSKA Sofia of Bulgaria, Yugoslavia's Red Star Belgrade and Moscow Spartak also seem likely to qualify for the quarter-finals after good first leg displays.

CSKA, first round conquerors of holders Nottingham Forest of England, beat Poland's Szombierki Bytom 4-0 in Sofia, with star striker Yonchev notching the first three goals.

Spartak, the Soviet Union champions, swept past lowly Esbjerg of Denmark in Moscow, with two goals from Khidyatullin and a third by his international colleague Shavlo.

Red Star finished on the wrong end of a 1-0 scoreline against Basle in Switzerland, but the Yugoslavs must be favourites to overcome that deficit in the second leg.

Three other former winners enjoyed differing fortunes.

English champions Liverpool beat Aberdeen 1-0 in Scotland thanks to a fifth minute Terry McDermott goal and Italy's Internazionale beat Nantes 2-1 in France.

Italian international Sandro Altobelli and Austrian World Cup star Herbert Prohaska scored for the Milan club.

But six times champions Real Madrid may miss out on a quarter final berth. Spanish international Santillana gave them a 1-0 home win over Hungary's Honved but they can expect a tough 90 minutes in the return in Budapest.

In the Cupwinners' Cup, the holders Valencia of Spain, flopped 3-1 against Carl Zeiss Jena in East Germany.

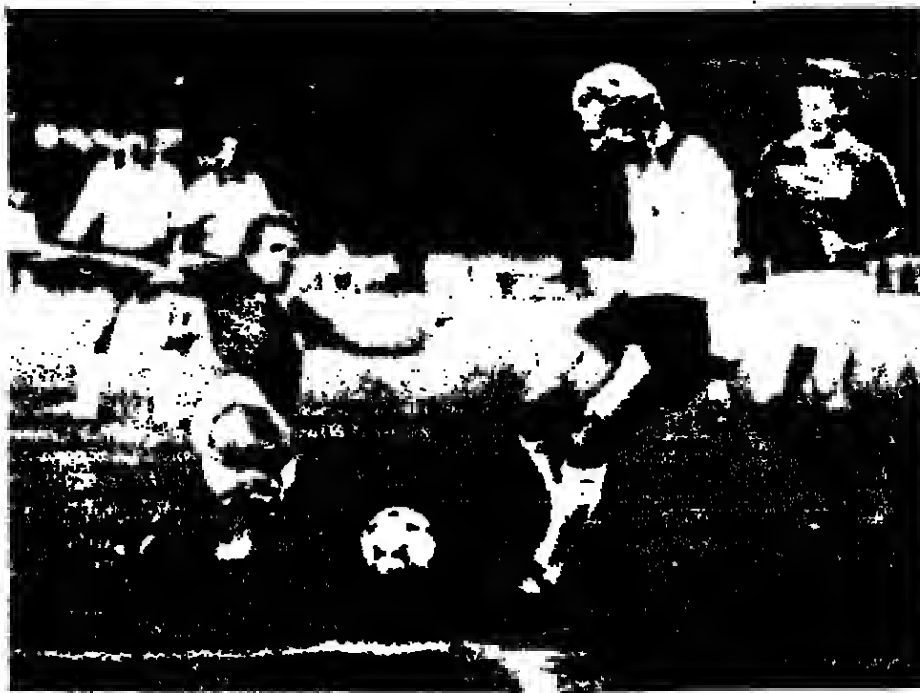
Jena built up a 3-0 lead by halftime and though Uruguayan Fernando Morean cut the deficit Valencia still have much to do if they are to survive.

In Sweden Magnus Andersson did more than score the goal which gave Malmoe a 1-0 lead over Benfica to take to the second leg in Portugal.

Columbia staging WC

BOGOTA, Oct. 24 (R) — Columbia will definitely stage the 1986 World Soccer Cup, Education Minister Guillermo Angulo said Wednesday.

President Jilio Cesar Turbay had accepted recommendations from a specially appointed parliamentary commission on ways of financing the tournament, he added.



TWO-TIMER : Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who scored twice for Bayern Munich, seen in action for Germany against Switzerland.

Weaver eyes Coetzee, stays confident about first defense

SUN CITY, South Africa, Oct. 24 (R) — World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight champion Mike Weaver took the "first round" psychologically when he received more cheers than his South African challenger, Gerrie Coetzee at Thursday's medical for their little fight on Saturday.

Flexing his already prominent muscles, Weaver, making his first defense of the title he won from compatriot John Tate last March, drew shouts of support from the mainly South African crowd. The taciturn South African oever so much as glanced at his relaxed, gum-chewing opponent as both were pronounced fit for the championship clash in this Casino Hotel resort out of the African hush.

This will be Coetzee's second shot at the WBA title. Last year he lost to Tate on points when they met for the crown vacated by Muhammad Ali. But Tate's brief reign when he was knocked out by Weaver in the 15th round of his first defense.

Weaver, 28, nicknamed "Hercules", wound up his heavy training Wednesday and said he was confident of retaining the title. Most boxing experts here are reluctant to predict the outcome of the fight between two men who have both registered spectacular knockout victories in their careers.

Respected American trainer Angelo Dundee said: "You can toss a coin on this one. It's going to be a punchers' fight and both these boys can really punch."

But the winner will still remain in the shadow of rival World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion Larry

Holmes, recent victory over Ali, who is universally accepted as the world's number one. Promoter Boh Arum said Thursday that he hoped the winner of this week's clash would meet Holmes late next year to decide the true champion.

Meanwhile, in London it was announced that WBC light-middleweight champion Maurice Hope of Britain will defend his title against Argentine Carlos Herrera in London on Nov. 26. Promoter Mickey Duff made the announcement Thursday.

It will be Hope's second defense of the WBC crown. He won the vacant title against Italian Rocky Marciano last year and after a long lay-off, during which he underwent an operation for a detached retina in his eye, Hope returned to the ring to stop the Italian here in July.

Owen recovering

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AFP) — British boxer Johnny Owen, critically injured during a world title fight in America last month, stands a "good chance" of making a full recovery according to his manager Dai Gardiner.

"Johnny is still in a coma, but everything is clearing up. He is responding when his father speaks to him. His eyes are flickering and sometimes he gives a couple of kicks," said Mr. Gardiner after arriving at Heathrow from Los Angeles. The doctors say that in time he should make a complete recovery — but it's still early days.

Owen's idols, the Manchester United football team, have recorded a special tape for him in the hope it will help his recovery.

Walley boosts Palace but Leeds still struggling

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP) — Mike Flanagan this week hit the first hat-trick his Crystal Palace career and helped underline Ernie Walley's claims to the job of managing the English First Division soccer club.

Walley, an unknown 47-year-old who has been one of the coaching staff at Selhurst Park for more than a decade, took over Crystal Palace on a temporary basis after Terry Venables and his assistant Allan Harris resigned last week.

Palace halted a seven game losing streak by defeating Leicester City 2-1 Saturday and then beat Southampton 3-2 in midweek — thanks to Flanagan's first league goals since March.

Another success at Leeds on Saturday could see chairman Raymond Bloye give the manager's job to Walley on a permanent basis.

Flanagan, his confidence boosted by Walley, says the players are backing the former backroom boy.

"It will be hard to step into the shoes of Terry Venables because he was a tremendous personality here," said the striker. "It must be looking good for Ernie, though."

"I'd like to see him installed as manager and so would the rest of the players."

Walley refuses to accept that two victories fundamentally alter his chances. "I am not getting carried away," he said. "There is still a long, long way to go and we've got to take one step at a time."

"I know what makes these players tick. I can shout at them and they can have their say. My job is to make them believe in themselves and bring out the immense talent that is here."

Leeds, still struggling under new manager Allan Clarke will not be fielding much sought-after Norwich City striker Justin Fashanu.

Clarke has shelved his plans to sign Fashanu after being quoted 2 million pounds by new Norwich manager Keo Brown, another former coach who has been promoted to the bosses' chair. Clarke was only prepared to offer 750,000 pounds.

Title contenders Aston Villa and Ipswich Town are both away from home Saturday. Aston Villa is away to Southampton with Ipswich facing a tough match at Sunderland.

Sunderland will be looking to recover after a 2-1 defeat at Coventry Tuesday, while Ipswich will be without Dutch midfielder Frans Thijssen and England striker Paul Mariner.

Southampton, struggling without the injured Kevin Keegan, badly needs a win after having dropped to mid-table.

Everton is away to Manchester United in a north-west Derby, while champion Liverpool entertains Arsenal, which Tuesday returned to form with a 3-1 victory over Norwich. Norwich is at home to Nottingham Forest



HAT-TRICK : Mike Flanagan, who scored a hat-trick for Crystal Palace, seen in action against Aston Villa earlier this season.

while West Bromwich is at home to adventurous Middlesbrough, which has lost five of its six away games to date, but impressed with its attitude.

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Fans reminded of bygone glory days

Knicks edge Boston in overtime thriller

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (AP) — The glory years of the New York Knicks are well documented in the annals of the National Basketball Association, and if those championship teams of 1969-70 and 1972-73 are to be remembered for nothing else it will be for their ability to make the big play.

The stars of that era — Willis Reed, Dave DeBusschere, Walt Frazier et al — have departed, but the young Knicks ripped a page from the book of their predecessors in a 109-107 overtime victory Thursday night against Boston. And their was undisputed possession of first place in the league's Atlantic Division.

First the Knicks, 4-1, got a 3-point goal from guard Ray Williams with 11 seconds remaining to force the overtime. Then forward Campy Russell tossed in the winning basket with 18 seconds remaining in overtime.

But it took still one more clutch effort, center Bill Cartwright's rejection of a layup by Boston's Chris Ford with three seconds remaining in the game played at Hartford, Connecticut.

In the only other NBA action Thursday night, San Antonio increased its lead to 2 1/2 games in the Midwest Division with a 128-109 victory over Golden State, and Kansas City turned back Houston 105-96.

"The Spurs are now a big team and play a big man's type of game," said Golden State coach Al Attles after his Warriors became San Antonio's fifth straight victim.

Attles said the San Antonio defense played a key role in the game, and the statistics supported that. The Spurs forced the Warriors into some poor shots in the second period, and rolled up a Warriors into some poor shots in the second period, and rolled up a 34-21 advantage to break the game open.

George Gervin led the way for the Spurs, now 6-1, with a game-high 25 points. James Silas chipped in with 16 points and Reggie Johnson had 15 for San Antonio. Bernard King paced the Warriors, who cameled just 39 per cent of their shots from the floor, with 22 points and Joe Barry Carroll had 18.

Kansas City had too much offense for Houston, which couldn't cope with Otis Birdsong, who pumped in a game-high 37 points. The Kings spotted the Rockets a first-period lead but forced them into nine second-period turnovers to reverse the tide.

Birdsong got help from Jo Jo White, who scored all 12 of his points in the decisive second period, and Phil Ford, who added 16. Moses Malone led the Rockets with 30 points and Robert Reid chipped in with 25.

In Wednesday's games, the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Detroit Pistons and lost a record in the process. "I'm glad their streak didn't end against us," said Philadelphia coach Billy Cunningham after his team's 94-93 triumph extended the Pistons' losing string to a National Basketball Association record of 21.

The Pistons' losses, 14 at the end of last season and seven so far this year, wiped out Philadelphia's dubious mark of 20 set in the 1972-73 campaign. Elsewhere in the NBA, Boston whipped New Jersey 108-104, Milwaukee trimmed Indiana 119-105; Washington stopped Cleveland, 109-96 and Dallas beat Seattle 107-102.

Julius Erving's 26 points led the 76ers over the Pistons, Detroit, with Terry Tyler contributing eight early points, grabbed a 27-22 lead at the end of the first quarter. But the 76ers got nine second-quarter points from Darryl Dawkins and led 49-43 at the half.

The 76ers' Lionel Hollins hit two free throws with 2:23 left to put the Sixers ahead 92-90 and they never relinquished the lead.

Larry Bird scored a game-high 29 points and Rick Robey contributed eight key points in the final period to cement Boston's victory over New Jersey. Robey led a late rally during which the Celtics broke a 93-93 tie to go ahead, 106-98.

The Nets blew two chances to tie the game in the final minute, when they were trailing by just two points.

Junior Bridgeman and Brian Winters scored 24 points apiece as Milwaukee beat Indiana. The Pacers led 61-50 at halftime but didn't score for more than five minutes at the start of the third quarter while Milwaukee ran off 14 points.

Indiana never led by more than one point after that, and two free throws by Bridgeman with 37 seconds left in the period put Milwaukee ahead to stay at 81-79.

Bobby Dandridge scored six of his 20 points during a 16-4 streak in the last quarter to enable Washington to pull away from Cleveland. The victory ended a four-game losing streak for the Bullets and extended Cleveland's losing streak to four, including three on the road.

Elvin Hayes scored 25 points for Washington while Mike Mitchell led the Cavaliers with a season-high 32.

Ricard Washington scored 24 points and grabbed 8 rebounds to lead Dallas over Seattle. Jack Sikma scored a career-high 34 points in the Sonics' losing effort.



CRUISING: Vitas Gerulaitis, who cruised into the quarter-finals of the — Horacio tourney, seen in action at Wimbledon last year.

Lendl powers through to Japan-Asia semis

TOKYO, Oct. 24 (AP) — Top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia won his way into the men's singles semi-finals, while the woman's top-seeded Ivanna Madruga of Argentina was eliminated in the \$175,000 Japan-Asia Open tennis Tournament here Friday.

The 20-year-old Lendl, who beat Sweden's ace Bjorn Borg just before coming to Japan, downed Peter Rennert of the United States 7-5, 6-3 in the quarterfinals.

Madruga, who is currently ranked no. 16 among the world ladies professional, was beaten by Marie Pinterova of Hungary 6-1, 6-3 in the quarterfinals on the clay courts of Denen Coliseum in the outskirts of Tokyo.

"I was not in a good playing condition today," the 19-year-old Argentinian from Rio Tercero said. "I could play only ten per cent of my usual tennis. My legs were heavy."

Lendl will meet third-seeded Mel Purcell of the United States in Saturday's semifinals. Purcell downed defending champion and sixth-seeded fellow American Terry Moor 6-2, 6-1.

Also advancing into the semifinals were second-seeded Elliot Teltscher of the United States and Jan Norback of Sweden.

Teltscher whipped fellow countryman Bruce Manson 6-3, 6-3 in the quarterfinals and Norback won his quarterfinals match over Britain's Buster Mottram when the Britisher withdrew after leading 1-0 won the second set due to back pain. The Swede took the first set 6-3.

In the women's second round matches, unseeded Nerida Gregory of Australia scored an upset 6-1, 6-3 win over No. 2 seed Peanut Louie, of the United States, and China's Li Qua eliminated No. 5 seed Renate Tamasova, of Czechoslovakia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0 to move into the quarterfinals.

Mariana Simionescu Borg, the Romanian wife of Sweden ace Bjorn Borg, also moved into the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 7-6 victory over Japan's Naoko Satoh.

In Australia, top-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States cruised into the quarterfinals of the \$125,000 Horico indoor tennis tournament at Frankston Thursday, crushing fellow American Tim Wilkinson 6-4, 6-4.

Gerulaitis and Wilkinson swapped service breaks to even the first match at 2-2 before Gerulaitis broke Wilkinson again in the fifth and 10th games.

Rodgers aims at record fifth consecutive New York win

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (AP) — Bill Rodgers and Grete Waitz, the acknowledged king and queen of long-distance racing, face some new challengers Sunday as they bid to continue their mastery in the 11th New York City Marathon, which has drawn a record field of 16,005.

The 32-year-old Rodgers, the world's top-ranked marathoner and the American record holder, is seeking an unprecedented fifth consecutive victory in the demanding 26-mile, 385-yard (about 42.2 kms) event, one of the most prestigious marathons in the world.

Waitz, 27, a teacher from Oslo, Norway, who never has lost a cross country race or road race and owns the fastest marathon time for women, will be bidding for her third straight New York triumph.

Rodgers' fastest time this year was 2 hours, 12 minutes, 11 seconds — in winning his fourth Boston marathon and third in a row. That was nearly three minutes slower than his American mark of 2:09:27, set at Boston in 1979.

Gerard Nijboer of the Netherlands, the Olympic silver medalist and the second fastest marathoner in history, is Rodgers' strongest foe.

Earlier this year, in only his third marathon, the 24-year-old Nijboer won the Amsterdam event in 2:09:01, a time second only to Australian Derek Clayton's 2:08:34 set in 1969 at Antwerp, Belgium.

Other new challengers for Rodgers include Filbert Bayi of Tanzania, Finnish Olympian Martti Vainio and Mexico's Rodolfo Gomez.

Bayi, former world record holder in the 1,500 meters and the mile, was the 1980 Olympic silver medalist in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.



Bill Rodgers

Also entered are the three top marathoners from China — the first time that nation has sent such long-distance runners to the west — and Finland's Lasse Viren, the 5,000 and 10,000-meter gold medalist in the 1972 and 1976 Olympics, who intends to make this his last race.

Among the women, the indestructible Waitz is heavily favored to win, and possibly shatter her world best of 2:27:33 set here last year.

Barker fades after leading, Jevans crashes to Evert

BRIGHTON, Oct. 24 (APF) — Debbie Jevans found herself the unwilling victim of a great American disaster in the \$55,000 Daihatsu Women's International Tennis Tournament at Brighton Thursday.

Miss Jevans virtually found herself trampled underfoot as top seed Chris Evert Lloyd stomped into the quarter finals with a 6-0, 6-0 win in 45 minutes.

A breathless but far from disappointed Debbie later summed it all up nicely when she said: "My strengths weren't half as good as her weaknesses."

Miss Jevans, the 20-year-old British No. 5 had collected a meagre ration of 19 points. Twice she came within a point of capturing a service game from Mrs. Lloyd but for the most part she was very much on the defensive.

Once in the second set she was hit for 14 points in a row, and a liberal sprinkling of double faults — including three in the sixth game of the opening set — only added to her discomfort.

But to Mrs. Lloyd, the game was just another statistic in an incredible run of successes which has now seen her win 52 out of 54 matches since last April.

Miss Jevan's defeat also spelt the end of the slender British challenge in Europe's richest indoor women's tournament.

Earlier in the day with the tennis on a much higher plane, Britain's No. 2 Sue Barker lost 2-6, 6-4 in 84 minutes to the sixth seed Dianne Fromholtz, a left-handed Australian.

Miss Barker pummeled away to good effect with a solid forehand in the opening set but the 24-year-old Miss Fromholtz rightly banked on her British rival not being match-fit after playing only five matches in three tournaments since Wimbledon ended in July.

Miss Barker said afterwards: "The first set proved it is all there but it is a matter of having the confidence to play the big points and that only comes with getting more and more tough competition."

Kathy Jordan, the No. 5 seed who is likely to play in the singles for the United States in the international against Britain next week was beaten 6-4, 6-1 by the West German No. 1 Sylvia Hanika.

Top players sign for WTA tourney

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (AP) — Martina Navratilova, Billie Jean King and Andrea Jaeger head an impressive list of players who have signed to compete in a proposed women's open tennis tournament next year at the indoor arena now under construction at The Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

The tourney, which would be held one week before the 1981 U.S. open at the national tennis center in New York, would offer \$700,000 in prize money.

Pele reaches 40

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 24 (AP) — For a week Brazil had prepared to celebrate the birthday of a national hero. Newspapers and magazines recalled, with a touch of nostalgia, his glories and triumphs. Then, on Thursday, it happened.

Pele turned 40. The former "King" of soccer has reached middle age in enviable style. A millionaire, voted "Athlete of the Century" by an international panel of sports writers, Pele says he's not worried about getting older.

"I've always taken care of myself," the three-time World Champion said in an interview. "Although I can't do the same things I did when I was a boy, I don't feel much difference between my condition today and that of 20 years ago."

The man who scored 1,284 goals was a central topic this week in major Brazilian dailies and magazines, which recalled the highlights of Pele's 23-year career.

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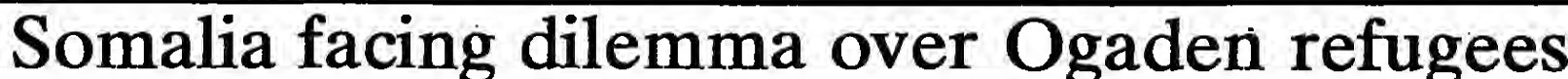
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Without access to new methods of production, there cannot be many saviors for the *Times*. So, it looks like the two famous newspapers are destined to die next year, and the world of quality journalism will have lost two of its finest publications.



But even this may be ominous. The most likely explanation is that Las Dhure is the only "open" camp in the northwest, where refugees from the Sargaden are still arriving, often in the last stages of exhaustion and trauma. If, as seems probable, the tentacles of famine are reaching back with them in

Another complaint is that the various commodities, arrive separately, making a balanced diet almost impossible. Sugar is particularly hard to come by: Somalis are phenomenally sweet-toothed, and infants in camps like Las Dhure vomit up the porridge they are given without it. Despite frequent enquiries the EEC has yet to release any of its surplus sugar.

There are now at least 20 million unemployed young people in China, many of them disgruntled urbanites, truant from the agricultural labor to which they were "sent down" during the Cultural

The Refugee Commission is already sucking away trained manpower from the key departments of health and agriculture, and Somalia's aid is growinglopsided. While the FEC is putting up \$33 million for the refugee emergency this year alone, it is giving less than \$70 million for the agriculture over

The Somali government now faces the dilemma of any government which offers asylum to refugees. It could move them to better sites but it is ~~admitted~~ that they will some day return to an Ogaden controlled by Somalia, aware of their propaganda value in the war against Ethiopia, and afraid of the reaction of local Somalis if the refugees are seen receiving better food and medical treatment. (Guardian)

Russians, for whom the Poles have little affection, figure in a large number of the stories, partly out of fear that they might be back as occupiers and partly because of the fact that the two countries' economic relations seem to be tipped in Moscow's favor. This relationship has given rise to such stories as these:

Gierek and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, during one of their conferences, find a wallet containing \$5,000.

"We will share it in true Socialist fashion," Brezhnev says. "Oh, no," Gierek answers. "Fifty-fifty or nothing." (LAT)

peddling. Visitors to the Great Wall now pass between lines of "antique" peddlars. One of China's most senior economists last year bewailed the absence of porters and snacks at railway stations and noted morevers that rest days are given over to personal laundry, a once-thriving Chinese enterprise.

Activities such as these, it is now being emphas-

In any event, "women-work", despite certain well-publicized "iron" exceptions during the Cultural Revolution such as engine drivers, power-line technicians and foundry workers, remains confined to well-tried occupations. The currently fashionable ones include embroidery, notably where done on a putting-out system at home, garment cutting and sewing, knitting and sweater-making, and dressmaking.

After lifetime of Arabic study

Scholar left intellectual riches

JEDDAH — Arabic was not his mother tongue, yet he was recognized as an authority in the Arabic lexicon and literature and deeply respected for his knowledge and scholarly pursuits by academicians and scholars throughout the Arab world.

He had the honor, rarely achieved by the non-Arabs, of being the fellow of the most prestigious academies in Cairo and Damascus, and was affiliated to a large number of learned bodies in various Arab states.

And when he died at the age of 90 at Karachi two years ago, this Pakistani scholar left behind 80 books and hundreds of contributions to learned journals which are still widely used as reference and research works by both students and research scholars.

Allama Abdul Aziz Memon was a profound scholar, a prolific writer and a devoted teacher. He was an acknowledged authority on issues involving source, origin and authenticity of many of the old Arabic poems.

Gifted with a prodigious memory, he could call easily at least 100,000 Arabic couplets on a sitting. He could recite the "ansab" (genealogies) of all the great personalities of Arab history, and could even tell the genealogy of a person like Musailima Kaddab, the false prophet.

A much sought after figure in the centers of learning in the Arabic-speaking world by the religious scholars who aspired to be his disciples in the discipline of "hadith", Allama memon, in 1888, he had no formal university education. After completing his early schooling in his native town, he went to Delhi to be a disciple of such eminent religious scholars as Shamsul-Ulema Dr. Nazir Ahmed, a versatile genius and a great scholar of Arabic, and Sheikh Hussain Arab, a reputed "mohaddith".

By the age of 25, Allama Memon had established his reputation as an accomplished scholar in Arabic, and his lack of formal university education could not stand in his way when he began exploring openings for a teaching job in the country's learned colleges and universities. He was readily taken on as a teacher in the prestigious Edward College of Jeddah in 1913, where he stayed for seven years.

He then moved on to the famous Oriental College of Lahore, which he left in 1924 to take up the appointment as a reader in Arabic at the Aligarh University, which was then the highest institution of Muslim learning in the divided India.

By this time Allama Memon had established his authority in Arabic language and poetry throughout the Arab world and when he was appointed professor in the university, the authorities waived the required academic conditions and offered the chair to him. He became professor of Arabic in the university in 1942.

After the creation of Pakistan, Allama

Memon migrated to the new Muslim state to head the Arabic departments of first the Punjab University and then the Karachi University.

For Allama Memon, life was not an easy passage. He had to work hard for every step he took forward. But his capacity for hard work was tremendous and was matched only by his intellectual honesty, intuitive grasp of essentials and bold exposition of any lapses, without mincing words. He literally sweated



Allama Abdul Aziz Memon

over thousands of books, and undertook long journeys not only within the country but also to almost all the Arab centers of learning including Mecca, Cairo and Damascus, in pursuit of important and valuable manuscripts.

The results of his intellectual efforts are breathtaking. Each of the 80 books he wrote and the innumerable contributions he made to specialized journals has its own individual significance and value. But three of his works will continue to enrich the Arabic language and literature.

The first of these, "Simul-La-Aali" (Bead of Pearls) is a scholarly work of immense

value. It deals with the commentary of the great Andalusian minister-scholar Abu Obaid Al-Bakri (1040-1094) on an original work known as "Amili" by Abul Ali Al-Quali (901-967).

Al-Quali was a tutor to Prince Al-Hakam in the court of Caliph Abdul Rahman Al-Nasir (921-961). "Amili", apparently, a compilation of notes dictated by him, is an encyclopaedic work dealing with Quranic verses, the traditions of the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him), poetry and diction.

Al-Bakri, who flourished nearly 100 years after Al-Quali, gave his own impress to "Amali" by adding his comments and views to those of Al-Quali.

Allama Memon brought out a well-researched, fully annotated and authentic edition of the original work, identifying the omissions made by Al-Bakri and rectifying his errors. It is this work which won the Allama recognition as an authority on Arabic language and literature. But this recognition did not come to him easily. He worked on this research project for nearly seven years, undertaking journeys covering as much as 4,000 miles, and digesting the contents of hundreds of books even remotely relevant to the project. Allama Memon's edition in three volumes includes Al-Quali's two supplements as well as the critique of Al-Bakri.

His second book is a study of the famous Arab poet-philosopher Abul Ali Al-Marr (979-1058). The work deals with the lapses of the orientalists about Al-Marr including those by Dr. Taha Hussain, the renowned Egyptian scholar. The latter frankly rectified the deviations pointed out by Allama Memon in one of his subsequent works.

The third important work, "Al Washahiyat" is a compilation of poet Abu Tammam's poetical anthology, which was edited for the first time by Allama Memon.

Ever a purist in the matter of language and pronunciation, Allama Memon believed in plain living but high thinking. He lived a simple life in a modest house in Karachi but made generous donations to institutions engaged in the promotion of Islamic and Arabic studies. When he died on October 27, 1978, he left behind no great property but high traditions of intellectual honesty, quest for knowledge and persistence in hard work.

"You have the beautiful hand of Al-Mugla (the famous calligraphist), the encyclopaedic learning of Al-Jihaz and the powerful memory of the Arabs," he was told by Dr. Abdul Wahhab Al-Azzam, himself a great literary figure and the first Ambassador of Egypt to Pakistan.

University offers free courses in Arabic

By Mahmud Abdallah

JEDDAH — The purpose of the Arabic courses sponsored by the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at King Abdul Aziz University is to help make life a little more comfortable for the non-Arabic speaking residents of Jeddah. In addition, the course provides academic training in Arabic for the English-speaking person who would like to pursue the study of Arabic to enhance his life education, business and travel.

Registration for this semester's Arabic courses will be held on November 1 through November 3 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in room 19 at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities building No. 20. King Abdul Aziz University is located at kilo six.

The Arabic classes will start on Saturday, Nov. 8, 1980, and will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. three evenings a week. The first semester runs from Nov. 8, 1980, until Jan. 21, 1981. The second semester is in session from Feb. 14, 1981 to June 4, 1981.

"The Arabic courses are free as a public service of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities to the guests of our country," said Dr. Ahmad

H. Al-Uqbi, vice dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. "The Arabic courses are offered to make life easier," Dr. Uqbi also said. "There are no restrictions on enrollment in the Arabic program and no education certificates are required. The only requirement is for the applicant to have a residence permit."

King Abdul Aziz University began offering Arabic courses in 1975 as a result of a resolution of the first Saudi Arabian Conference of Arts and Letters held in Mecca during 1974. For the regular evening Arabic classes, demand has mushroomed throughout the years. Every year there has been a gradual increase in enrollment for the Arabic courses. In 1975 there were only 50 students, but last year 120 students attended the courses.

Students have come from diverse backgrounds. Embassies, airlines and foreign companies have sent their employees to the class. However, Arabic is not an easy language to learn, and KAU has been working to strengthen its program with this in mind.

"The Faculty of Arts and Humanities has been corresponding with other universities

and institutions who have more experience in teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers, so that we can benefit from their experience," Al-Uqbi said.

"As a result of some special planning and preparation, the Arabic program will offer new teaching materials and new methods of teaching. Hopefully this will benefit the students," he added. According to Dr. Al-Uqbi, special professors were employed for the teaching staff, who were trained especially to teach Arabic to non-Arabic speakers. Also an Arabic language laboratory will be introduced into the curriculum soon. Certificates of completion will be awarded to students who are able to pass an examination given at the end of the second semester.

"The Arabic course aims at teaching the basics of Arabic to foreigners residing in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as part of Saudi Arabia and as part of the faculty activities exerted in the service of society," Al-Uqbi said.

"This is a free service to society to help in disseminating the language of the glorious Koran," he added.

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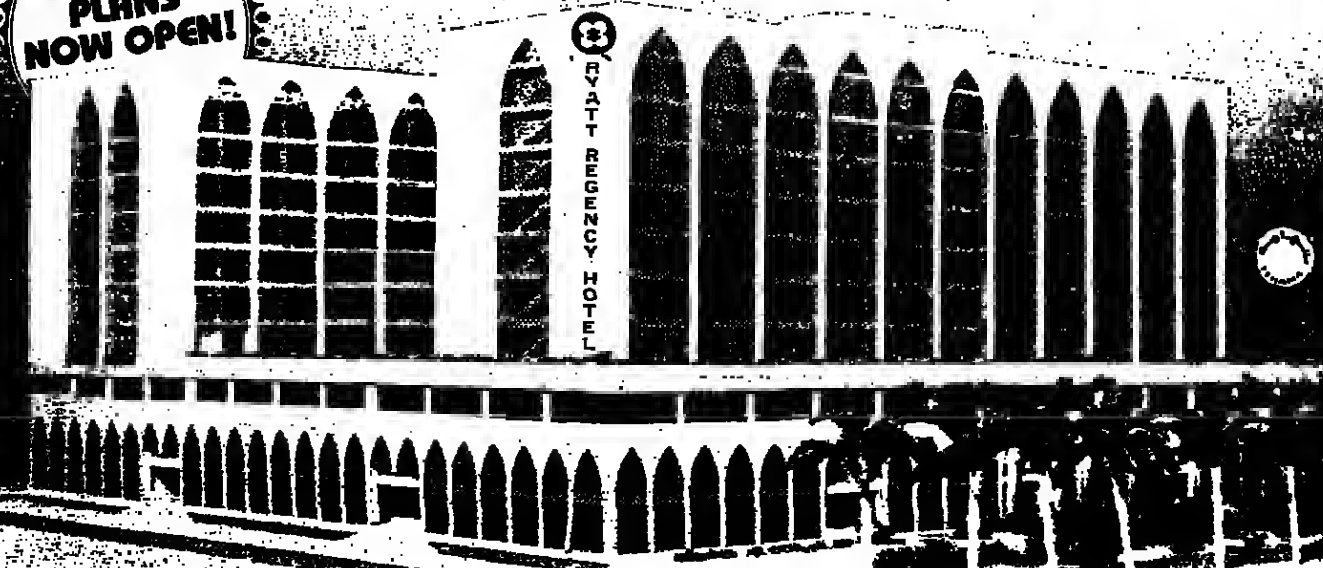
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Rise in prices

Iraq-Iran conflict creates problems in oil supplies

ROTTERDAM, Oct. 24 (AFP) — Oil prices have begun a feverish rise as India, Turkey and Brazil start to feel the pinch caused by the cutoff of supplies from Iraq and Iran now in their second month of conflict. At Rotterdam the price of a ton of gas-oil this week reached \$315 against \$285 in September before the outbreak of the Gulf war.

The price of crude oils varied between \$36.5 and \$38 a barrel for oil of Arab light reference quality sold under contract by Saudi Arabia at \$30.

India, which was taking 100,000 barrels a day from Iraq and 120,000 barrels from Iran, has already bought 120,000 tons or 840,000 barrels of crude on the spot markets at \$38.50 a barrel, informed sources in London said.

India is also seeking to buy 400,000 tons of fuel oil. The International Energy Agency (IEA) grouping the 21 leading industrialized countries except France has undertaken to find a million tons of crude to improve supplies to Turkey which currently has only 30 days' oil in stock compared with 110 to 130 days' held by other member countries.

Other IEA countries with better supplies are to be asked to make an effort of "solidarity".

Brazil has lost 400,000 barrels a day from Iraq or about half its total imports. Portugal has also experienced difficulties but these might be overcome, according to the IEA.

France, which received 24 per cent of its supplies from Iraq, has turned toward Belgium, the French Total Oil Company is believed to have bought between 300,000 and 400,000 tons of Saudi Arabian oil from the Belgian Oil Company.

Stocks in Rotterdam have been reduced but are still at near record levels. Total stocks in industrialized countries were 460 million tons at the end of September. The IEA's board chairman Niels Erbskov said Tuesday night that the oil supply situation was "satisfactory".

Among producing countries, Venezuela has called a special meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to study the situation caused by the war between Iran and Iraq, despite an oil surplus put at 1.4 million barrels a day by the IEA, the amount of oil being offered by OPEC countries has fallen more than 2.5 million barrels a day.

Three OPEC meetings have already been cancelled since the war began. These are a meeting of finance ministers scheduled for Oct. 6, a meeting of oil ministers Oct. 14 and the summit of heads of state in Baghdad from

Nov. 4 to 6 to celebrate OPEC's 20th anniversary.

In the meantime the tiny country of Luxembourg, with a population of 360,000, consumed more oil per person in 1978 than any other European country, according to statistics released Wednesday by the local office of the European Economic Community. In Bonn.

The EEC reported that according to its latest figures, Luxembourg used 10,694 kilograms of oil per capita, compared with a European average of 3,559 kilograms. Belgium ranked a distant second after Luxembourg with an average per capita consumption of 4,783 kilograms, followed by the

Japan auto producers lessen exports to U.S.

TOKYO, Oct. 24 — Japan's auto producers have become "self-restrictive and restrained" in their exports to the United States, Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said in an interview. Suzuki added that auto exports to the United States for the rest of this year will be "significantly less" than during the same period last year. His comments provided the first official assurance that Japanese auto companies are responding to complaints about their heavy inroads into the American car market.

"Looking at it from a long-range point of view," the prime minister said, "Japan must avoid having its auto exports to the United States occur (like) a torrential deluge that would cause damage and have a bad effect upon American automobile workers and workers in related industries."

"Japan, I feel, must improve this situation as promptly as possible," he added. "This is the view of the government. The Japanese auto industry, also, from a long-range perspective, realizes that this must be done."

"Because the realization of the quantity of exports to U.S. has naturally become self-restrictive and restrained... I think that has turned into a trend."

Suzuki's comments Friday followed statements to the *Los Angeles Times* by the chief executives of Toyota Motor Co. and Nissan Motor Co., Japan's biggest auto producers, that they will not fully rebuild depleted dealer inventories in the United States. The companies, however, have refused to say they

would bow to U.S. pressure for voluntary restraints.

Referring to a pending decision on car imports by the U.S. International Trade Commission, the prime minister urged that restrictions be avoided. "In the free world, the United States is the world's largest economy and we are the second-largest. I feel that our two nations must make their best efforts to avoid any protectionist inclinations or any action like curbing quantities of imports."

He added that countries like the United States, West Germany and Japan "have a major responsibility to seek equilibrium in international trade through expansion, not through contraction."

Suzuki also criticized U.S. auto companies for "a tardy and inadequate" response to the 1973-74 energy crisis. They failed to respond sufficiently to the public's growing interest in more fuel-efficient smaller cars, he said.

Suzuki said the Japanese government is urging Japan's auto producers to invest in production facilities in the United States. He noted with satisfaction plans announced by Honda for a U.S. car plant and by Nissan for a truck factory as well as talks between Toyota and Ford on a joint production venture in the United States.

Japan also is attempting to make it easier for American cars to be imported here, he said, (only a trickle come in at present).

Steps in that direction include previously announced efforts to simplify inspection procedures and to abolish tariffs on parts as well as on autos. He noted that a mission was sent to the United States recently to look into procuring American parts for Japanese cars.

"We are making all these efforts to improve the present situation because we want to avoid any confrontation on autos between the United States and Japan. We want to avoid having this problem become a political one."

Suzuki expressed broad confidence in the United States as "a superpower upon which the free countries of the world can rely." He said he had a "different perspective" than did his predecessor, the late Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira, who said last April that the United States was "no longer a superpower, but merely one of the powers."

Suzuki added, however, that "no single nation can really control the security of the world. Looking at the continued Soviet military buildup, I believe the free world, centered upon the United States, must work in unison."

"Japan, with its peace constitution... and its commitment not to become a military power, cannot cooperate" as the NATO countries do, Suzuki said. But it can make a contribution in economic aid to developing countries, he said, and intends "to maintain the same footing with the United States and Western Europe as a responsible member of the free world."

Citing factors that have made Japan so successful in world economic competition, Suzuki leveled sharp criticism at both American and European manufacturers for their lack of effort to export products to Japan.

"Japanese business has been very energetic and hard-working in developing overseas markets," he observed. "It may be impertinent to say it, but I don't think the European community and, with all due respect, your country have been (as energetic) as Japan," he said.

"I feel our market in Japan is as open as American or European community markets," he added. "And since Japanese do like to buy more... if you sell better quality products and do a good selling job, I'm sure that the trade imbalance (which was running at an annual rate of \$11.9 billion in the first eight months this year) will be improved."

He suggested that there is an especially strong market for American high-technology products, like computers, "where Japan has not quite come up to the American level of excellence." But in more mundane consumer items, he said many Japanese products are cheaper and better than American.



ARABUILD '80 SHOW: Leading British power tool manufacturer Wolf Electric Tools Ltd., will be featuring the world famous Sapphire range of drills, grinders, saws and sanders at the Arabbuild '80 Show, Bahrain exhibition Center, November 1980. Powered by a 2300 watt motor the Wolf Sapphire Angle Grinder (picture) is the most powerful machine of its type in the world.

W. Germany asks partners for meeting on steel issue

BRUSSELS, Oct. 24 (R) — West Germany has asked its Common Market partners for a ministerial meeting to discuss an EEC commission plan to take charge of the European Steel Industry, commission officials said. Thursday was the official deadline for member states to agree to the plan, under which the commission would take control of production.

Although the necessary majority of members have assented to the plan, the officials refused to speculate on whether the scheme would proceed from this week. But a commission statement indicated there would be a delay. The commission said it "confines itself to regretting any further delay in taking decisions to combat the steel crisis."

European diplomats said West Germany told the commission it could not accept the introduction of the plan without further talks.

The diplomats said a ministerial meeting would almost certainly be held at the weekend, in Luxembourg. In Bonn, an economics ministry spokesman said his minister, Otto Lambsdorff, was visiting Paris and London this week to discuss the steel crisis.

Lambsdorff has said he believed voluntary quotas by steelmakers would be the best solution to the problem of overproduction. The commission proposed mandatory production controls earlier this month, when it failed to persuade steelmakers to honor a voluntary agreement.

The plan calls for cuts in output of semi-finished steel products of between 13 and 20 per cent in the last quarter of this year compared with the last three months in 1979.

EEC sources have said that intransigence by the West German steelmakers ended any hopes of a voluntary accord.

But West German steelmakers declared that they would be prepared to honor a voluntary agreement. This followed the commission's announcement of its scheme to take charge of the industry. Despite that

Bomb defused at AFP offices, Paris Bourse

PARIS, Oct. 24 (AP) — The Paris Bourse (Stock Exchange) and the headquarters of the French News Agency Agence France Presse were evacuated Wednesday following bomb threats. The day's trading was cancelled at the bourse, where an 11 pound bomb was defused on the main trading floor after a broker's clerk found a suspicious parcel.

Police said the bomb was made safe only five minutes before it was due to explode in what they said would have been a "catastrophe" on the packed floor. There was no indication who planted the bomb or who were responsible for the two threats Wednesday, and a threat Tuesday to the business weekly *Le Nouvel Economiste*.

AFP's headquarters building is across the street from the bourse building in central Paris. The agency building was cleared and its world-wide wires idled at 1350 (1250 GMT).

S. Hemisphere, Russia expect crop troubles

LONDON, Oct. 24 (R) — The world's wheat production forecast was lowered this week because of Soviet and Southern Hemisphere crop troubles, adding to fears of food shortages in poor countries and increased prices of affected items such as meat in the west. The London-based International Wheat Council reduced its estimate of World Wheat Production during the 12 months beginning last April to 444 million tons.

But commodity experts outside the council questioned whether even the latest estimate was low enough. They cited a report from Moscow Thursday showing that this year's Soviet grain harvest would be about 20 per cent below the official target, indicating a grain total of only around 181 million tons. The Soviet figures were given in speeches to the country's parliament, the Supreme Soviet.

Some experts here had been basing forecasts on the assumption that the total would drop to about 200 million tons.

Wheat production has been hit by drought in the Southern United States, Argentina and Australia and by continued rain which delayed harvesting in the Soviet Union, although Western European crops have been good. London commodity experts said grain prices had been gradually strengthening and could rise sharply next year. One expert warned that panic buying might result, as it had done in the past.

Meat prices could rise because of the expense of feeding livestock because herds might be reduced in size. Some poorer countries in the Third World could be particularly hard hit if there is a rush for short supplies of grain. The Soviet problems caused speculation over where the Russians might go for grain supplies to offset their shortfall.

Thursday, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland said there would be no change in the United States embargo on grain shipments to the Soviet Union until there was a satisfactory solution to the Afghanistan situation.

Some commodity experts here questioned whether the Soviet Union could physically import enough grain through its ports to meet its present needs, indicating that the Russians might slaughter livestock because of inadequate feed.

Meanwhile, China and the United States Thursday signed a major grain agreement providing for the annual sale of six to nine million tons of U.S. wheat and maize to China in the next four years.

Agricultural experts have said the agreement could mean a severe tightening of world food supplies.

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S. Korea voters okay constitution, back Chun

SEOUL, Oct. 24 (R) — Former army strongman President Chun Doo-hwan won near backing for his policies Thursday when about 90 per cent of voters agreed to a new constitution that dissolved present political parties.

The result will also strengthen Chun's hand in dealing with criticism from South Korea's major trading partners, the United States and Japan, about his actions against leading opponents of the presidency.

Despite calls by student militants for a boycott of Wednesday's referendum 95.5 per cent of South Korea's more than 20 million voters participated. The vote of confidence was given on the eve of an appeal by leading opposition and former presidential contender, Kim Dae-jung, against the death sentence imposed on him by a military court for plotting rebellion and pro-Communist sympathies. The death sentence against Kim, who polled 45 per cent of votes in the last presidential elections in 1971 won by late President Park Chung-hee, caused an international outcry.

Many countries protested at the sentence while Japan warned South Korea of the economic consequences and the U.S. expressed deep concern. Kim had emerged as one of the leading presidential hopefuls in the general period which followed the assassination of Park by his security chief almost one year ago.

Stability before freedom in Namibia, Botha says

PRETORIA, Oct. 24 (AFP) — The climate at four-day-old talks on Namibia between the South African government and a high-level U.N. delegation has suddenly shifted, and Prime Minister Pieter Botha has said stability in the South African-ruled territory is more important than independence.

Botha, addressing a public meeting Thursday night at Vrede, declined detailed comment on the Namibia question while negotiations on the U.N. independence plan for the territory were going on in Pretoria.

"I only wish to say that if I have to choose between stability and independence (in Namibia) I will choose stability," the prime



President Chun

Another contender, Kim Jong-Pil, leader of the Democratic Republican Party (DRP), was detained with Kim Dae Jung when martial law was declared on May 17 after student demonstrations against the slow pace of democratic reforms. Kim Jong-Pil quit politics and returned \$36 million worth of illegally obtained assets to avoid prosecution.

Chun has rejected the idea of presidential elections by popular vote because of the excessive expenditure of human and material resources.

minister said.

His declaration came as the South African Press Association (SAPA) was reporting that the government would soon meet leaders of the black nationalist guerrillas who are battling to end the South African administration of Namibia. It was evidently the South African attacks against these guerrillas of the Southwest Africa People's Organization that Botha was referring to when he spoke of maintaining stability.

There was no government confirmation of the SAPA report, which said the talks could be held in the Cape Verde Islands within four weeks.

Hong Kong gets tough on border-jumpers

HONG KONG, Oct. 24 (AP) — Hong Kong, whose prosperity is credited mainly to refugees from Communist China, has announced drastic measures to cut off the influx of illegal immigrants from the mainland.

The Legislative Council rushed into law proposals by Governor Sir Murray Maclehoose to abolish the so-called "touch base" policy which permitted Chinese who evaded border guards and reach urban areas to stay in this British colony.

The new law, which took effect at midnight Thursday, gives Hong Kong authorities power to arrest and repatriate all illegal immigrants no matter where they are found. Previously, only Chinese caught in the New Territories near the Hong Kong-China border were sent back to China.

Sir Murray said the massive influx of illegal Chinese, especially during the last two years, threatened the future prosperity of Hong Kong and had already put a severe strain on housing, education facilities and social services.

Officials said that in 1979, 90,000 illegal immigrants were arrested and repatriated to China, but they estimated 108,000 made it into urban areas. In the first nine months of this year, 69,000 were caught but officials estimated some 62,000 evaded border patrols.

2 smash Berlin gate

LUECHOW, West Germany, Oct. 24 (AP) — Two East German border guards broke through the frontier fence in a heavy truck and sought asylum in West Germany, West German authorities said Thursday.

The two corporals, ages 23 and 24, told West German border police they waited on Wednesday for an unobserved opportunity, then rammed the truck at full throttle through the double-tiered metal grating at a border point near Garmow, about 15 kilometers northwest of Berlin.

Charles sidesteps Mountbatten fund issue

RAMSEY, England, Oct. 24 (AP) — Prince Charles, accused in the press of slacking on the job as chairman of the Earl Mountbatten Memorial Trust, ignored the charges at a press conference and said that the British government has pledged \$240,000 of public money to the fund.

He said Thursday the money Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher promised him is in addition to the \$312,000 and "some other things in the pipeline," raised by the trust since his great uncle's assassination by Irish Republican Army guerrillas Aug. 27 last year.

An IRA bomb planted aboard Mountbatten's holiday boat in Donegal Bay, Ireland, killed the 79-year-old World War II hero, who was the uncle of Prince Philip, Philip's husband of Queen Elizabeth II and Charles's father. The bomb also killed three other people in the boat, including Mountbatten's 15-year-old grandson Nicholas Knatchbull. The memorial fund was established within weeks of Mountbatten's death to perpetuate his name and beliefs.

Speaking at a news conference here at Broadlands Mountbatten's country mansion

150 arrested in Estonia disorders

MOSCOW, Oct. 24 (AFP) — About 150 youths were detained during a series of anti-Soviet demonstrations this month in the Balde Soviet republic of Estonia and some 30 will soon be put on trial, a dissident source said here.

The Estonian radio denounced the "serious disorders" in the capital, Tallin, and said the "instigators and criminal vandals" were being prosecuted. Slogans chanted by demonstrators included "Independence for Estonia," and "Down with Russian Domination," the source said.

There has been unusual agitation for a month in the Balde state, which was independent from 1918 to 1940. The demonstrations in the capital, on Sept. 22 and Oct. 1, were big enough to make Estonian Interior Minister Marko Tybar appear on television.

Confirmation of the demonstrations came when the Communist Party newspaper *Sovietskaya Estoniya* complained that "boodlums and boogylans have gathered to create disorder."

Workers in a factory repair shop at Tartu, the Estonian Soviet republic's second-biggest

Japanese find 370-year-old wreck

TOKYO, Oct. 24 (AP) — Japanese salvagers have found the wreck of a 17th century Portuguese ship sunk after a battle off the coast of southwest Japan, possibly carrying \$2 million in treasure, a salvage company official has said.

The company plans to salvage the ship, identified as the 600-ton *Madre de Deus*, from 47 meters of water off Nagasaki, said Mitsuo Terasawa, managing director of the Nippon Maritime Development Co.

"Our divers previously confirmed a Portuguese ship resting about 155 feet below the surface, covered with sludge. We'll be able to salvage it in about one month, beginning around mid-November," Terasawa said.



Prince Charles

115 kilometers southwest of London, Charles carefully sidestepped questions about why the trust as yet has not handed out a single penny and about reported internal squabbles among the trust's administrators.

Prince Charles, 31, said the aim of the memorial trust administrators is to establish an endowment fund and that they have two objectives. One is to support an international

city, went on strike for two days on Oct. 1 and 2 to protest against increased production quotas. They demanded bonuses for their increased output.

This was confirmed by the manager of a neighboring factory, though the Estonian Interior Ministry denied there had been a strike. A ministry spokesman also denied there was a student demonstration in Tartu on Oct. 10.

But Estonian exiles in Sweden said several hundred youths demonstrated there on Oct. 10 to demand an end to "Soviet occupation of Estonia" and the resignation of Education Minister Mrs. Elisa Grechkina. They accused her of speeding up a process of "Russifying Estonia."

This seemed to indicate that nationalist feeling is making a comeback among the population, observers here said. Nationalist feeling had remained strong enough in Estonia; as in the other former Baltic states Lithuania and Latvia, to give birth to a "nationalist opposition," several members of which were sentenced to prison recently.

Asked if his company might return the vessel and its cargo to Portugal, Terasawa said any treasure — which he speculated would be gold and silver — salvaged from the *Madre de Deus* would be donated to the city of Nagasaki to be preserved as historical relics. Nagasaki, 1,038 km southwest of Tokyo, was one of the first Japanese cities opened to the West in the early 1600s.

Historians at the University of Tokyo said the *Madre de Deus*, captained by Andre Pessa, was attacked and sunk by Nagasaki citizens in 1609 on its voyage to the city from Southeast Asia. The attack was retaliation against the Portuguese captain, who is supposed to have killed Nagasaki citizens involved in a dispute with Portuguese sailors.

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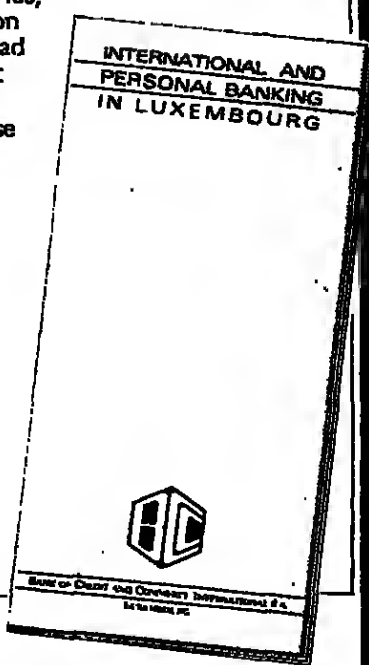
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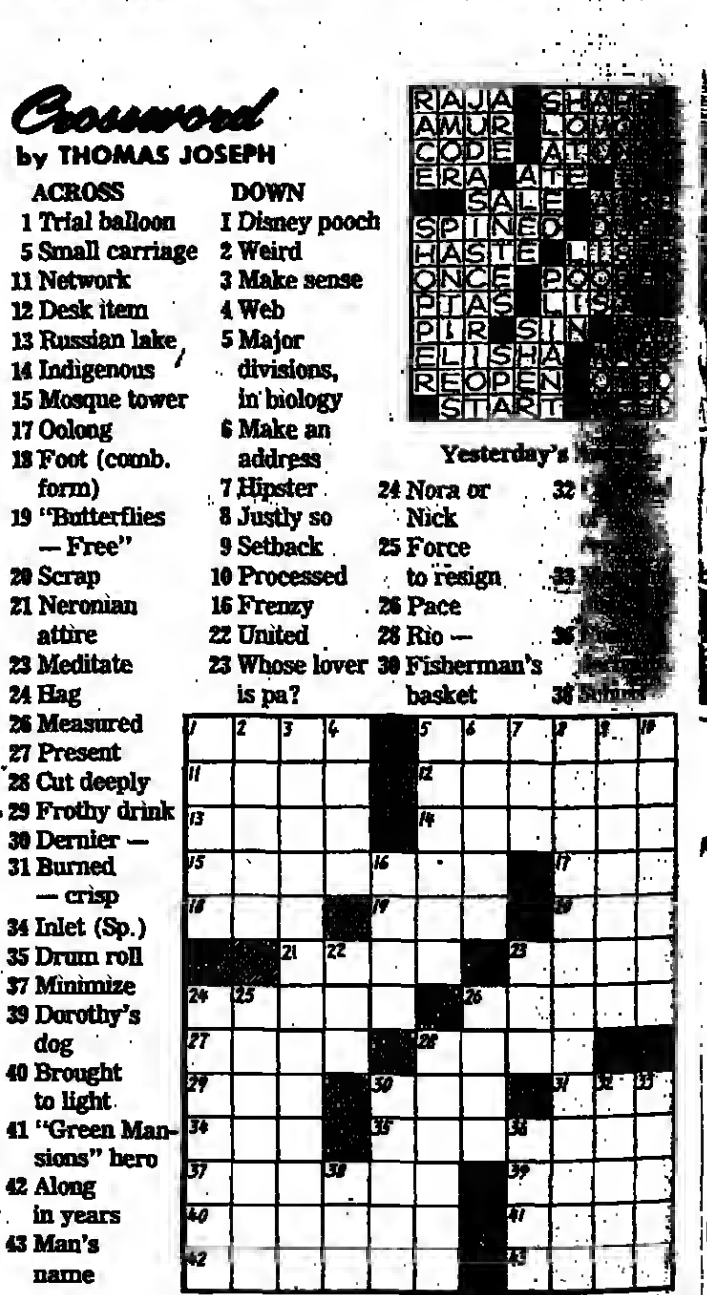
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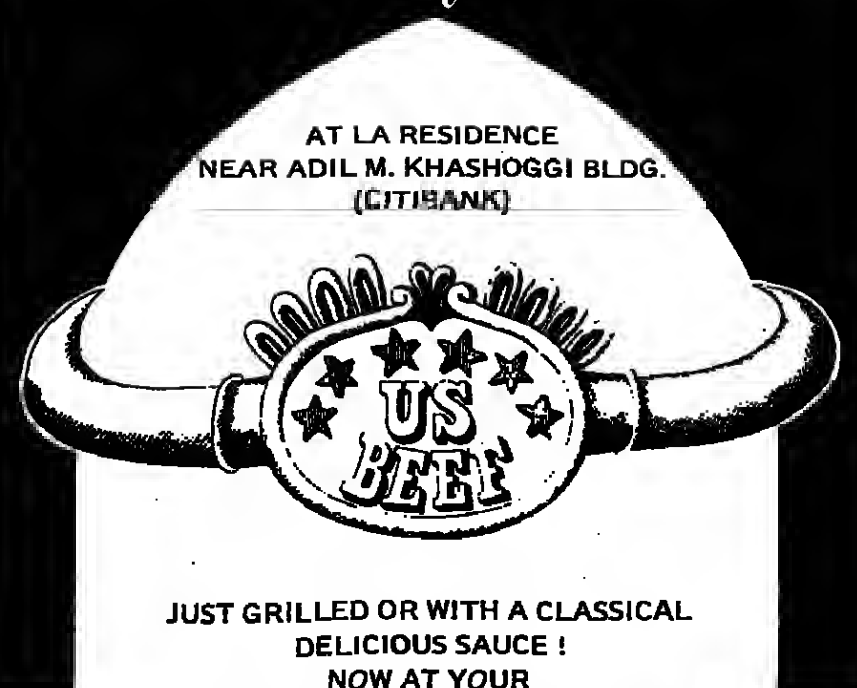
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Kim pleads innocent before appeals court

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SEOUL, Oct. 24 (AP) — Dissident leader Kim Dae-Jung, sentenced to death on sedition charges last month, pleaded innocent Friday as his appeals trial was opened by a South Korean army court-martial. He also vehemently denied the prosecution charge that he had been a Communist, adding that he never made any remarks praising Communism.

"I am a liberal Democrat, not a Communist. If there were Communist unification I would oppose it. I never thought of unification under Communism," he said in answer to a question by his defense lawyer.

Kim was accused of attempting to overthrow the government through popular uprisings in connection with a series of riotous

student anti-government demonstrations in May. He also was charged with violating the national security law by heading a Korean residents organization in Japan, called "Hamintong," which the earlier military court that tried Kim ruled was an anti-state group.

Twenty-three of Kim's followers were tried with him earlier, and drew prison terms ranging from two to 20 years. Wearing a white traditional Korean dress, the prominent dissident figure looked healthy as he was led into the courtroom by military police.

When one legal officer of the court asked the lawyer to cut his questions short, Kim protested, saying, "How can you ask him to cut it short, when a man's life is at stake?"



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Seen as interim leader

Brezhnev cronies Tikhonov a latecomer to Soviet power

MOSCOW, Oct. 24 (AP) — New Soviet Premier Nikolai Tikhonov, an elderly economics specialist, is a long and close political associate of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev — going back to industrial work in the Ukraine in the 1920s.

But at age 75, the new premier can only be regarded as an interim replacement in the No. 2 post of the Soviet hierarchy, which is dominated by old men with health problems. The 73-year-old Brezhnev, the top Soviet official, himself has suffered recurring periods of ill health, and a potential long-term successor to him has not emerged.

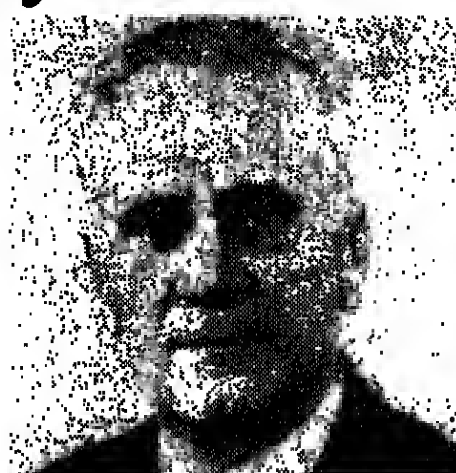
Tikhonov has been serving as first deputy chairman — equivalent to first deputy premier — since Sept. 2, 1976, when he was promoted following reports that Kosygin was ill.

He began then to take an active role in international affairs, undertaking official foreign visits as Kosygin's condition worsened. In his most recent trip abroad, Tikhonov went to West Germany last May to negotiate details of a 25-year economic agreement in which German technology and know-how will be used to exploit Siberia in return for deliveries of Soviet raw materials.

Accepting the premiership, Tikhonov expressed personal thanks to his mentor Brezhnev in a speech to the Supreme Soviet in the Kremlin.

He also pledged fidelity to the "course of our Leninist party," and gave these objectives: "Improving the welfare of the Soviet people, strengthening the economic power of the country, guaranteeing security and establishing peace."

Tikhonov's career parallels that of many of the Soviet Union's top leaders. It is heavy on work experience and short



Nikolai Tikhonov

on formal academic work.

He was born in 1905, and at the age of 18 began working as a locomotive fireman and factory mechanic. In 1930 he graduated from the Dnepropetrovsk Metallurgical Institute, the same school at which Brezhnev earned a degree in 1935.

Brezhnev became head of the Dnep-

ropetrovsk regional Communist Party committee in 1939, so it is likely the two came to know each other well in connection with the region's industrial affairs.

From 1933 to 1947, Tikhonov was a section head, the chief engineer at factories in the Dnepropetrovsk and Pervouralski regions. Tikhonov's most responsible job at a single plant was as director of the Southern Tube Mill at Nikopol in 1947-50.

He worked from 1950 to 1957 in the National Ferrous Metallurgy Ministry, rising to deputy minister, then took over the Dnepropetrovsk economic region in 1957-60.

Tikhonov was deputy chairman of the State Science and Economic Council in 1960-62 and then as deputy chairman of GOSSPLAN, the state economic planning organization, in 1962-65.

Even before reaching the top hierarchy, Tikhonov made several official trips to the West, visiting Switzerland in 1955, Canada in 1956 and the United States in 1958 and 1959, on the latter occasion accompanying Nikita Khrushchev.

Tikhonov was named vice chairman of

the Soviet council of ministers in 1965, and was promoted to first deputy prime minister in 1976. In recent years, he has had special responsibility for economic relations with two of the key trading partners of the Soviet Union — West Germany and its Communist neighbor East Germany.

Western analysts have noted that Tikhonov's rise through the hierarchy to become Kosygin's successor was quite slow, indicating there may have been opposition to him within the ruling Politburo.

Tikhonov only became an alternate member of the Kremlin's secretive policy-making body in November 1978, more than 10 years after becoming first deputy premier. In the past that job had meant virtually automatic promotion to the Politburo. He was finally named a full voting member of the Politburo less than a year ago, on Nov. 27, 1979.

Tikhonov's wife died earlier this month, and her obituary appeared prominently in the official Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* — an unusual honor rarely accorded wives of high officials.

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use of all his experience if he is to help solve the Soviet Union's growing economic problems.

On Tuesday, Brezhnev admitted that Russia's cities aren't receiving enough meat and milk, and he called for a new food production program to help feed the nation. The Soviet leader also served notice in a speech to the party central committee that improvements must be made in production of consumer goods.

"Many goods are still of poor quality. The supply of some other products that are much

in demand is quite often erratic," Brezhnev said.

As the country's new economic chief, Tikhonov has the task of resolving these problems at a time when allocation of resources is putting the government under increasing economic pressure, Western analysts said. Tikhonov would be unlikely to initiate major changes in the economy, but he could seek to encourage more initiative among administrators below the top level of power to improve production efficiency.

Kosygin's departure is expected to have

little effect on the Soviet Union's foreign policy, even though he once exerted considerable influence as a veteran diplomatic troubleshooter.

Brezhnev and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko are widely believed to dominate foreign policy decisions made by the secretive 15-member Politburo.

Although Brezhnev's announcement of Kosygin's retirement contained no words of praise, the former premier is believed to have departed his job with his reputation intact.

Sardines, diet powder

Aid packets puzzle Afghans

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 24 (AP) — Sardines in tomato sauce, high-heel shoes, brassieres, briefcases, and weight reducing powder are among the avalanche of donations shipped from around the world for the one million Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

"I am sure it was done with the best of intentions," said one perplexed relief worker, "but much of it is totally useless."

The Pakistan government and the United Nations high commissioner for refugees have issued lists of the foods, medicines and clothing the Afghans require. Much of what arrives falls within the guidelines, but a number of foreign charity groups and governments continue to ship without checking first.

The refugees fled into neighboring Pakistan after the Soviet Union moved troops into Afghanistan last December.

International aid officials said the misdirected philanthropy has resulted in warehouses full of goods rejected by the Afghans who have narrow, traditional tastes in food and clothing. Refugees in at least one camp

this summer became hostile when they opened bales of used clothing and found Western-style party dresses and other apparel which they consider scandalously inappropriate for their women, a U.N. employee said.

As devout Muslims, the Afghans refused to eat any of the 6,467 kgs of canned meat donated by one country because it had not been prepared in the prescribed Islamic manner.

Sixty tons of donated tomato paste, sardines and cheese and five tons of noodles were not touched by the refugees because they were too radical a departure from their usual diet of flat bread, lentils and soup.

The unwanted food is stored until permission is received from the donors to auction it. The proceeds are used to buy locally what the Afghans are willing to consume.

Perhaps the least appropriate item so far received for the refugees, many of whom are undernourished, was eight tons of weight reducing powder from an American charitable organization.

"We have been requesting high-protein crackers for women and children suffering from malnutrition," complained a West European official working with refugees. "What we got was diet food for fat people."

The 16,000 cans of weight loss powder came from World Medical Relief, Inc. "This sort of stuff won't even sell on the black market," said an American with experience in refugee programs here and in Indochina.

In Detroit, Michigan, Irene Aubertin, president of the relief organization, said the weight loss powder is used by dieters, but also is a food supplement rich in protein and vitamins. She said it was tested by the Islamic group which requested it.

Aid officials said the problem stems from the fact that overseas groups, motivated by a spontaneous impulse to help, do not pause to consider the special needs and customs of the Afghans.



LEAP: A man identified as Gregory Morrison, 30, leaps from a fifth-floor fire escape in New York's Greenwich Village. The man screamed "get away from me" as police tried to stop him from jumping. He is in critical condition in a hospital.

China okays trishaws

PEKING, Oct. 24 (APF) — Trishaws, considered a symbol of "capitalist exploitation" during the Cultural Revolution of 1966-76 have reappeared in Peking.

The *Peking Daily* said that a trishaw service had been set up in the Qianmen district in the south of the capital and that it would start operating at once. 100 new trishaws have been ordered from Hangzhou in eastern China by the Qianmen service which has taken on unemployed youths as drivers.

The newspaper said that trishaws were an ideal form of transport in a city like Peking which was short of taxis, particularly in the evening. Prices were very reasonable at 0.30 yuan (20 cents) per kilometer although the price could be altered depending on the weather and what was being carried, it said.

'Explanation' approved by Polish union

WARSAW, Oct. 24 (AP) — Leaders of Poland's largest independent trade union voted Friday to insert an "explanation" in their proposed charter in an effort to end a court dispute over the wording of the union's recognition of Communist principles.

Solidarity union leaders voted just minutes before a 10 a.m. court hearing on the charter to clarify what they maintain is already implied in the document. Union leader Lech Walesa said the clarification was not a compromise and did not change the charter, but it appeared to be an attempt to let both the union and the government save face without admitting concessions.

At a meeting in the Catholic Intellectual Club, the leaders agreed to insert a complex statement saying that the charter is based on the entire Gdansk agreement that settled massive strikes Aug. 31 and permitted free trade unions. That document stated that the new unions recognize the Communist Party as the leading force in Poland, do not question the nation's Communist alliances and accept social ownership of the means of production.

The charter dispute has raised tension on both sides, with banners appearing on some Warsaw factories saying: "We demand registration of Solidarity." The hearing came nearly a month after Walesa filed the petition for certification. The union claims some seven million members.

Bogdan Lis, a member of the union presidium, said in Gdansk that Solidarity did not acknowledge the party's leading role in the unions "which are free and independent of any outside influence." Union officials said including such a statement in the charter would give the union a political character which it did not seek.

Lis and other presidium members said they saw no need to include an explicit statement on the party's role in the charter since the principle of the "leading role" was implied already in the document.

49 students killed in Spain blast

BILBAO, Spain, Oct. 24 (Agencies) — The official number of dead in the explosion of a heating boiler at a school in Ortuella is 51, the civil governor of Vizcaya Province said Friday.

Still hospitalized were thirty other children injured in the blast in the mining town of 5,000 on the outskirts of this city in northern Spain. Six were reported in grave condition.

The civil governor's office said the victims included 49 girls and boys, aged 6 to 8, a teacher and a plumber, who technicians said could have accidentally caused the disaster. The technicians said the explosion may have been triggered while the plumber was soldering near the boiler.

The governor's statement said all bodies have been recovered from the debris of the four-story state-run school.

Anguished parents rushed to the school after Thursday's blast, searching in despair among the debris for their missing children.

Some parents carried off dead children in their arms and eyewitnesses said a civil guard tackled a grief-stricken mother who tried to jump off a building shouting "my two sons are there." The children in the school were from six to 10 years old.

The civil governor said propane gas probably leaked from kitchen facilities and accumulated under three ground floor classrooms housing about 80 children.

The explosion was the worst in Spain since a gas tanker truck exploded outside a crowded casiste two years ago killing 200 holidaymakers.

Peking dishes up full bill for big shot diners

HONG KONG, Oct. 24 (APF) — Communist Chinese authorities have instructed restaurants in Peking to make sure that all customers, including high-ranking officials, pay their bills.

The decision comes in the wake of a scandal that Chinese Minister of Commerce Lang Lei paid only token sums for extravagant meals in one of Peking's fanciest restaurants.

New China News Agency Friday quoted a spokesman for the Peking O. Q. Service Bureau, which manages the city's 16 large hotels and restaurants, as saying that "all those who come to a restaurant, irrespective of their positions, are ordinary customers. Prices should be the same for everyone."

The spokesman said that the practice of allowing high-ranking cadres to eat costly meals but pay little originated during the 1960s. When government leaders dined in Peking's top restaurants, their bills were kept artificially low — in some cases expensive dishes priced the same as snack-bar food, he said.

The case of Wang became public a week ago when a cook at the Fengzeyuan Restaurant complained to the discipline inspection commission of the Chinese Communist Party that the minister had paid only a fraction of the cost of meals he had at the Fengzeyuan.

Wang later admitted his mistakes and paid the balance he owed to the restaurant for meals eaten over the past two years.

The Peking authorities also have decided to clamp down on a trend of accepting small gifts from foreign businessmen in quest of contracts in the People's Republic.

The *Peking Daily* published a directive issued by the party municipal committee stipulating that all such gifts received by enterprises or individuals had to be handed over to the state from now on.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

An Arab friend here in the West told me he happened to see his neighbor sitting decorously at table before one single, solitary fresh fig. He said he was fascinated how respectfully they seemed to approach the fruit, cutting it to tiny segments and then insisting that each should have more since there was so much of it.

I said that the thing wasn't as difficult to imagine as he thought. Did he know for instance that that fig might have set them back the noble sum of thirty pence (or two and a half rials)? Is it a wonder then that they treated it with such courtesy and economy?

My friend wasn't really convinced. "That may be," he said. "But I have seen miserliness in the West that would make your hair stand on end. Why, have you been to Scotland?" I said I had indeed and that I had been struck by the hospital nature of the populace. "Rubbish," he shouted. "You know what the English say: Scotsmen, take long strides when walking hoping to ease the burden on their shoes."

"My neighbor hack home," I countered, "a lady of charm and rectitude, used to put all her soap in the sun for a while before using it at home. She used to say 'that dried soap was longer lasting than ordinary soap.' So you see questions of miserliness aren't necessarily connected with nationality."

"Furthermore," I warned to my theme, "isn't the Book of Misers by the great Al Jahiz an adornment to our literature — and any other literature for that matter? And did it tell tales of Scotsmen long striding it to save on boots or whole English families sharing one humble fig between them? No it didn't. All magnificent stories were about Arabs and Muslims of the golden age of our civilization, breaking all records in meanness and penny pinching. The thing is international. There is no doubt about it..."

Translated from Ashraf Al Awwad

Sterling reaches 6 1/2-year high; gold prices fall

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP) — The British pound hit a 6 1/2-year record high against the dollar in early trading Friday, while the U.S. currency firmed against most other major currencies. Gold prices fell sharply.

The pound was trading at \$2.4572 in early dealing, up from \$2.4445 at the close on Thursday. The strong British currency has climbed all week from around \$2.42, to the growing distress of British industry whose exports become increasingly expensive.

Sterling is buoyed both by Britain's North Sea oil and the country's high 16 per cent interest rates which attract foreign funds. The latest rise follows an announcement Thursday that the minimum lending rate will remain unchanged, at least for another month.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the dollar climbed sharply against the Japanese yen, to finish the week at 212.55 yen, 3.30 yen higher than Thursday's close, and 4.35 yen up on the close last Friday.

Gold opened in London at \$629.50 an ounce, down from \$636 at the overnight close, and shed another dollar in later trading Friday. The morning fixing was \$628.

In Zurich, Europe's biggest bullion market, gold started trading at \$625.50 an ounce, \$10 below Thursday's close, but later firmed to around \$628.

In Hong Kong, gold closed Friday at \$625.81 an ounce, down \$19.41 from Thursday.



SEARCH ME: New Italian Premier Arnaldo Forlani seems to be indicating confusion over paperwork at his first cabinet meeting in Rome this week. Forlani heads Italy's 40th government since World War II.

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